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Katrina drives Tulane students to Tech



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tulane students recuperate in the Student Center after arriving at 5 a.m. from their first post-Katrina shelter, Jackson University.

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

A group of 275 Tulane students and four staff members arrived at Tech Wednesday morning, seeking refuge after Hurricane Katrina devastated Tulane's campus in New Orleans.

"We are doing everything [we] can to make a very difficult situation more bearable as they are transitioning to different places," said Richard Steele, director of the Student Center.

The students had been in transit since evacuating on Saturday. "Tulane anticipated the hurricane and their emergency plan has them evacuating resident students to Jackson University. About 500 Tulane students were transported to Jackson University on Saturday morning where they stayed in the gymnasium," Steele said.

However, when Jackson University experienced a power outage and the airport closed the Tulane

students were redirected to Tech and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "They went two days with no power and no water. The conditions were tough. They had difficulty getting a bus," Steele said.

Tulane students arrived at the Student Center at 5 a.m.. Tech students and administrators worked through the night and had pizza, beverages and snacks for them when they arrived.

Tech opened the CRC showers for the Tulane students and had an information desk on the second floor of the Student Center. "The number one thing they wanted to do is take a hot shower," Steele said.

Marisol Vega-Holthaus, retail manager for the student center, worked at the information desk for part of the day. "We are here to help those in need. We're doing everything possible we can to help them out. We have airport shuttles, bus runs, showers and food," Vega-

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Meeting addresses post-storm options

A town hall meeting regarding resources available on campus for Tech students affected by Hurricane Katrina will take place Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 to 10 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building.

The meeting will feature representatives from SGA, the Dean of Students office, the Counseling Center and Financial Aid. For more information, contact undergraduate student body president, David Andersen, at president@sga.gatech.edu, or Counseling Center director, Ruperto Perez, at ruperto.perez@vpss.gatech.edu.

SGA continues Six Flags ticket sales

SGA will continue to sell tickets for the trip to Six Flags until Sept. 8 for \$15. Tickets will also be available at the park on Sept. 9 for \$25.

Parking is included with the purchase of a ticket, but a free shuttle bus is available with a ticket obtained one week before the event.

Over 5,000 students attended the event last year, and over 7,000 attended the event in 2003, its first year. The event marks the start of Ramblin' Nights.

Pritchett accepts new position

Amy Pritchett, an associate professor in the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, was recently appointed to serve as the David S. Lewis Associate Professor of Cognitive Engineering.

In her new position, Pritchett will be able to continue her study of methods and processes that assist in technological design and support human cognitive performance.

NASA presents Young with award

NASA recently presented John Young, an Aerospace Engineering graduate of 1952, with the Ambassador of Exploration award. This accolade honors the efforts taken by astronauts on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions.

Young was the first to fly six times and launch seven times. He is the only NASA astronaut to have piloted four types of spacecraft.

His involvement in the Apollo 16 mission as commander marked one of his career highlights. It was his second trip to the moon. Young retired in 2004, having worked longer than any astronaut in NASA history.

Young served as chief of the NASA Astronaut Office for 13 years and as an associate director of the Johnson Space Center for eight years.

Mold welcomes 6th Street East residents

By Anthony Schmitz
Contributing Writer

Returning students found mold in their apartments in Sixth St. East during move-in, despite the building being cleaned and closed during the summer.

"When I came in, I noticed dust-like residue all over the furniture. It didn't take me long to realize that it was, in fact, mold," said Tim Morin, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

Jamila Penn, a second-year Industrial Design major, found a similar problem in her room. "[Mold] was everywhere... all over the furniture, the chair, the footlocker and even the walls,"

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Jamila Penn
Second-year ID major

Penn said.

Residence Life Director Dan Morrison said that rare environmental conditions might have contributed heavily to the mold problem.

"One of the biggest dilemmas is that some buildings are completely empty during the summer, and as a result there is not enough heat produced by people and appliances to absorb all the moisture,"

Morrison said. "This and the fact that the weather this summer has been unusually damp, produces conditions that are favorable for mold."



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A blanket of mold coats a desk and chair in a 6th Street East Apartment room. The building recently underwent renovations.

Morrison also said that previous problems with mold growth in Woodruff have diminished since Housing opened the residence hall for the first time this year during the summer.

"The decision was made this year

to open Woodruff for the first time during the summer, and as a result we've had no reported cases of mold growth," Morrison said.

The Sixth St. Apartments com-

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Student Center undergoes cosmetic changes

By Jameel Khan
Contributing Writer

As part of ongoing efforts to renovate all three floors in the Student Center, major changes are currently underway to improve the atmosphere on the first floor.

Improvements include new tile floors, textured walls, softer fabric, a newly located courtesy phone and information directory, upgraded electronics and new furniture. A large 61-inch LCD HD-TV will be installed into the wall behind the stairs.

"We are trying to ensure the same aesthetic look as the Student Center Commons while also creating



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The area around the stairs in the first floor of the Student Center is being renovated to look more like the Student Center Commons.

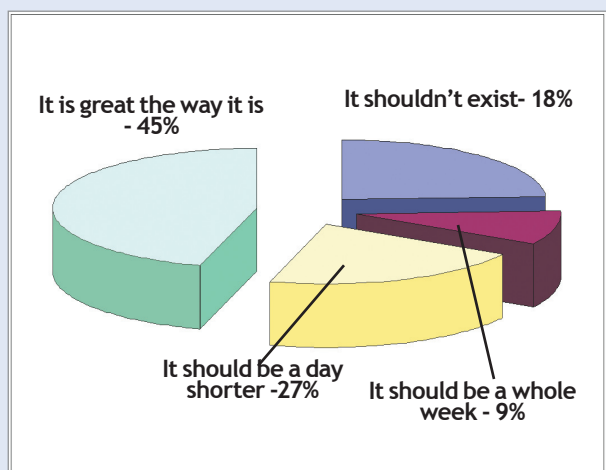
a positive atmosphere for students," said Rich Steele, director of the Student Center. The Commons area is a 50,000-foot expansion of the Student Center that opened last year.

Steele said this progress has led to an increase in the use of the facility. Hosting more than 7,000 events each year and a recorded traffic flow of 25,000 people on the first day of classes this year, Steele said the Student Center has become "the hub of student activity." According to Steele, students want a school to be proud of, and along with his staff, he is working to ensure that changes

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TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 33 responses.

What do you think of FASET?

By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

*This week's question:***What do you think about OIT allowing email aliases?**Tell us at www.nique.net**Gaseous odor reported**

An unidentified student reported a strong odor of propane gas in the commons lobby area at the Student Center around 4 p.m. Aug. 20.

The Atlanta Fire Department was notified and a unit was dispatched. The unit investigated and discovered that a pilot light in Pandini's was out.

Once the pilot was relit, the odor dissipated.

Housing ghosts?

Some time between 9:23 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Aug. 20, an unknown culprit entered an apartment on

*From the files of the GTPD...***Campus Crime**

Hemphill Avenue and moved some things around.

The resident stated that the outer door was locked prior to leaving and that the door was unlocked upon returning. The resident also mentioned that a roommate made a maintenance request about a mold problem and housing may have been in the apartment.

Nothing was discovered missing.

Turn your lights on!

A red SUV carrying five female passengers was stopped on 10th and Holly St. for driving with no headlights at 9:32 p.m. on Aug. 20.

The driver was sweating profusely. The tag was checked and

came back stolen out of Clayton County.

She first told the officer the vehicle belonged to her aunt. The driver later confessed that she received the vehicle from a man she knew who offered to rent her the vehicle for \$15.

The driver was arrested for theft by receiving stolen property and giving false name and date of birth to law enforcement.

A check on her real identity revealed that she was unlicensed and she was also charged for driving unlicensed.

She was transported to Fulton County Jail and the other passengers were released.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

Corrections

Emily Tate was incorrectly attributed as the author of "Overall campus crime down by 22 percent," on page 13. Kenneth Baskett wrote the article.

Isaac Penny was incorrectly identified as an Aerospace Engineering major on page 12. He is a Mechanical Engineering major, as stated on page 3.

In addition to Al Gore and Dan Quayle, Admiral James Stockdale was also a participant in the 1992 Vice Presidential Debate, referenced on page 11 of the FSG.

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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate supports ticketing system

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate held its first full meeting this Tuesday, August 30, after failing to reach quorum last week. The senators passed four bills over the course of the meeting.

Executive Vice President Mitchel Keller ran the meeting in a more formal style than in years past, requiring senators to stand for their vote to be counted.

Only one of the bills passed by the Senate saw significant debate, however, as the senators addressed a request for \$6,000 from the Athletic Association to create a new online ticketing system.

The system, which will be implemented this spring, will be outsourced to TicketReturn, a company whose service has also been used at Ohio University, University of Maryland and University of North Carolina Charlotte.

Thomas Johnson, special assistant to Undergraduate President David Andersen, spoke in support of the new system. He said the system was a student initiative that had received wide cross-campus support including \$3,000 in BuzzFunds towards

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the project donated from Auxiliary Services.

The overall startup costs of the project are expected to be slightly under \$25,000. The money will go towards purchase of a server to process ticketing requests and hand-held scanners at admission. Johnson said the Athletic Association is covering \$10,000 of the startup costs, as well as any ongoing maintenance and licensing expenses.

The system is expected to allow students to print their tickets online. The printed tickets will then be scanned at the gate by a handheld system to allow admission. As of right now, the ticketing system will only allow for general admission, not specific seats.

Industrial Engineering senator Karen Feigh expressed concern about what sort of priority distribution

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR convenes for first meeting

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The first weekly assembly of this year's Undergraduate House of Representatives, led by Saira Amir, passed all seven bills on its agenda. Five of the bills dealt with administrative matters.

The meeting began with the process of appointing the newly appointed Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet, consisting of Chief Justice Kevin Flaherty and Justices Hrishi Goel, Jon-Michael Caldwell, Tim Monroe, Melvin Waldrop, Jr., Sean O'Rourke and Brandon Kears.

Next, the house was sworn in, followed by the appointment of Joint Finance Committee Chair Micah Lucas. During this period, Amir initially proceeded to the next bill without swearing in the house, but quickly mended her error.

The first of two allocation bills, Joint Allocation to Student Government Association, allocated \$6,000 from the capital outlay account to SGA for the server needed for the online ticketing system for men's varsity basketball.

Andersen said that the system had already received strong report.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the system should have been provided in-house. However, Andersen said that OIT had concluded that going through the company Ticket Return was a strong option. Ticket Return, according to Andersen, has had success at other large schools.

The second of the allocation bills allocated \$14,000 from the capital outlay account to Six Flags Night, a project hosted by SGA. Andersen said that the project was successful in the previous year and that SGA was aiming to get even more students involved this year.

"This year we are shooting for



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

David Anderson and Thomas Johnson discuss an allocation for a new distribution system for student tickets to athletic events.

7,000 students," he said.

Nominations were made for the following positions: member-at-large, treasurer, secretary and House Administrative Committee (HAC) Chair.

After all of the bills had been discussed, Andersen gave his Presidential Review, in which he said, "We have a great year ahead of us. There's a lot of potential in this group."

At the end of the meeting, special guest Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino spoke on two issues: a policy change regarding the approach of her office to academic integrity violations and an announcement regarding Tulane students, who would be staying at the Student Center because of Hurricane Katrina.

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| • Appointments of Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet |
| • Joint Allocation to SGA |
| • Joint Allocation to GT Night at Six Flags |
| • Undergraduate Student Council Executive Appointments |
| • Appointment for 2005-2006 Undergraduate Student Council Committee Chairs |

OIT offers students email aliases

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Beginning Oct. 3, students will have the option of creating email aliases in the form `alias@gatech.edu`.

Students will be able to change their aliases once during every semester. The aliases will not replace existing accounts; students will be able to receive emails sent to the newly created aliases as well as emails sent to the old accounts.

Beginning next year, OIT will issue account names in the format "gburdell1" rather than the traditional "gt-" format. The office will also give email accounts to prospective students in the process of applying to Tech.

Systems Support Specialist Jason Belford said that accounts for currently enrolled students will not change; the aliases will simply serve as "pointers" to student accounts.

Students will still log in to Spectrum, Oscar and Buzzport using the usernames and passwords from their current account. However, emails sent to addresses in either of the two aforementioned formats will be sent to the student's Spectrum account.

The changes, according to OIT, were made in response to complaints from both students and faculty. Not only did the office receive frequent complaints about the "gt-" format for e-mail addresses, but the issue of having different email addresses for different departments was also brought to OIT's attention.

Many students have responded positively, although some expressed that they are content with their current email addresses.

Akhila Rajaram, a first-year Biology major, said that she finds the current format of Spectrum addresses strange. "I feel like right now, I am known only by a number," Rajaram said.

Colleen Sherman, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major, said that the change was welcome but not required.

"It will be nice to have a more personal email address, but it's not absolutely necessary," Sherman said.

Raymond Wang, a second-year Industrial Engineering major, said, "It will be more user-friendly, but if you are trying to find a friend's address, you can just look it up [on the directory]."

Michael Brandon, OIT director

"It will be nice to have a more personal email address."

Colleen Sherman
Second-year BME major

of Policy and Strategy, said, "For five years, we've been trying to figure out why and how to do this. We've had pressure from the campus to make this change for a long time."

Special Projects Manager Bert Bee-Lindgren said that the process of creating an interface for users to create aliases was lengthy and difficult.

"The difficulty was that there were about twelve small to medium-sized issues, which resulted in a lot of work," Bee-Lindgren said.

"The interface for changing the aliases had to be created and we had to work out technical issues as well as issues related to rules and policies," he said.

Ron Hutchins, associate vice provost for Research and Technology, said, "We have been discussing this plan for two and a half years and started the technical work a year ago. It sounds like a simple thing, but

there are a lot of complexities."

When the system was originally created about twenty years ago, students were issued "gt-" accounts so that the system would be able to differentiate between students and faculty.

All related applications were built using this technique, and the process of updating the entire system, according to Hutchins, was cumbersome. This system was replaced last February.

Because of the numerous changes made to the user interface, OIT will replace the current `password.gatech.edu` website with `passport.gatech.edu`. The new interface will contain several new features. Users will be able to choose "nicknames" by which others can look them up in the online directory.

Users will also be able to choose whether or not to publish the newly created aliases in the online directories.

Brandon said the aim was to allow for self-service — to give users the ability to perform tasks at a remote location, rather than requiring them to make changes by visiting on-campus departments.

"There is a lot of nervousness when it comes to users picking their own email addresses," Bee-Lindgren said.

Brandon said, "There are guidelines on how you can set up aliases. You cannot impersonate anybody, and you cannot choose an alias deemed inappropriate by others."

Hutchins said that the original vision was to create more personal accounts that students would be able to use even after they graduated, or whenever they came back to Tech as graduate students, researchers or employees.

"Right now," he said, "we are working on laying the groundwork to achieve that goal [email accounts for alumni]. We will continue to pursue it."

Breaking *the* Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Gas prices soar across United States, Georgia

Hurricane Katrina brought down two pipelines carrying gasoline and jet fuel to the eastern region of the United States, causing an enormous impact on already rising gasoline prices across the nation and the state.

In Metro Atlanta, prices on Wednesday were recorded as high as \$4.75 per gallon according to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Governor Sonny Perdue enacted an anti-gouging law on Wednesday evening in response to the rapidly rising prices at the pumps. The law prevents vendors from charging "unreasonable or egregious" prices, according to the *AJC*.

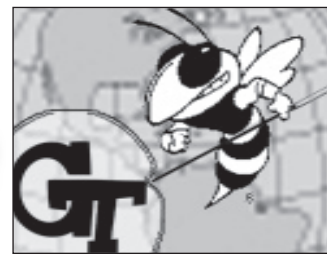
In a public announcement, Perdue told Georgians to remain calm, and limit travel.

"There is no reason to panic," he said. "There is plenty of gas on the way. The only way we would have problems is if people rush out and try to hoard and try to accumulate gasoline they won't need for a while."

Suicide bomber rumor kills over 950 pilgrims

Rumors of a suicide bomber sparked a stampede of Shiite pilgrims as they were making their way across a bridge in northern Baghdad Wednesday.

More than 950 people died in the stampede, the greatest one-day



loss of life in Iraq since the American-led invasion in March 2003.

A group of insurgents fired rockets and mortars at the pilgrims earlier in the day, killing at least seven people and wounding two dozen. Fear and anxiety mounted as shouts of a suicide bomber emerged, causing the crowd to stampede across the bridge, breaking through its railings.

The majority of the dead were crushed or suffocated, while others fell over the railings of the bridge and drowned in the Tigris River.

File sharing continues despite crackdowns

A new study, recently released by internet analysis company CacheLogic, reports that web users continue to swap files despite recent crackdowns on BitTorrent distribution sites. BitTorrent, a technology that allows for efficient distribution of files among multiple users, uses centralized servers to handle tracking of users.

These servers, targeted by lawsuits from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), have largely been taken down.

Furthermore, the MPAA has threatened lawsuits against individuals by using information gained from server logs of the distribution websites they were able to take down.

Rather than ceasing file sharing activity, CacheLogic reports that users simply shifted to using a different peer-to-peer application, eDonkey. According to the study, South Korea ranked as the nation with the most eDonkey users.

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system would be implemented with the online ticket ordering. Johnson responded that the current tentative plan was for a system that rewards patronage by allotting priority points to students who attend more games.

Several senators voiced reservations about this system, as they felt it would hurt graduate students who may not be able to go to more than one or two games.

Johnson said that the system was not yet finalized, however, and that a committee was being formed to discuss the issues.

Senator Ed Greco asked why this

system was being outsourced to a company, rather than being done in-house. Johnson responded that the Athletic Association was seeking a proven solution that could be implemented in a relatively short period of time. He also said conversations with the Office of Information Technology revealed that the price quoted by TicketReturn was reasonable.

Several senators also expressed concern over why the Athletic Association should be asking for more funds when they already receive student support through the mandatory Athletic Fee.

Despite this, the bill passed 10-3, as senators felt that the simplification of the ticketing systems would help

students see more games and reduce stress levels on campus.

The senators also voted to allocate \$3,200 towards the Graduate Student Picnic, which will be held on Thurs., Sept. 8 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Campus Recreation Center.

Two other bills also passed by unanimous acclamation. The first, a bill to allocate \$14,000 towards Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags, was passed with little discussion.

The event is being supported by a variety of organizations on campus, including Auxiliary Services and the Student Life Fund. The second passed bill appointed Micah Lucas to chair the Joint Finance Committee.

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plex is the second Housing building to have problems with mold growth this year. During the 2005 spring semester, local news station WGCL reported extensive mold growth on the walls and ceilings of a dorm room in Montag Hall. Housing cited the lack of a maintenance request as the reason for allowing the mold growth in that case.

“It was simply negligent this time for Housing not to check each room before the start of the semester,” Morin said. “They should have checked the rooms at least a week before move in.”

Housing cited the speed of the mold growth and limited resources as the reason why the mold was not initially detected.

“Mold can accumulate very

quickly if conditions are right... sometimes even within twenty-four hours,” Morrison said.

“It’s a big challenge... There’s a lot of manpower that goes into cleaning and inspecting each building and we do our best to allocate the resources and people that we have.”

Fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major Lucas Garza found mold in his room. Housing responded to the problem quickly, but Garza was upset at the inconvenience and lack of thoroughness of the cleaning crew.

“When I went down to the Housing office, they told me to go online and fill out a maintenance request, but I didn’t want to hook up my computer... I didn’t want to touch anything,” Garza said.

“When they came in, they cleaned for only twenty minutes... they got

most of it, but I had to spend thirty to forty-five minutes and use three bottles of Lysol to get all of it off the couch.”

Morrison said Housing is taking steps to reduce the problem.

“We’ve put together a committee to focus on the opening week where part of our agenda includes looking at how we can free up more people to walk through the buildings before opening weekend. In addition, we may start spreading out housing assignments to include buildings that would normally be vacated during the summer,” Morrison said.

Penn said he felt the issue was satisfactorily resolved. “Because they came in and cleaned the mold the same day I put in a request, I’m satisfied,” Penn said. “I’m still willing to consider on-campus housing in the future.”

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are made. The first floor renovation will last roughly eight weeks.

Despite the progress, several students complained about the inconveniences of inaccessible ATM machines.

“Not having an ATM is probably one of the biggest problems during this project,” said Zach Aten, a first-year Biology major. Last weekend, staff laid down tiles in the area where four new ATM machines will be installed over the next few weeks.

Aditya Sarolkar, a second-year Computer Science major, said that recruitment for the India Club was a challenge because students were not able to withdraw cash for club dues.

“As an organization, they don’t have cash for membership dues, and we are losing potential members,” Sarolkar said.

Steele said that the matter is out of his hands.

“It is against bank policy to place banks in a temporary location,” he said. Until the ATMs are replaced students can use the Lockheed Credit Union ATM located on the second floor.

A large source of funding for this renovation is coming directly from the Auxiliary Services.

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First-year Biol major

“Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers and Facilities Associate Vice President Chuck Rode are very generous and supportive for allocating money to improve student facilities,” Steele said.

A new courtesy phone and information directory will be installed directly across from the ATM machines. Steele said that in the past, its location was inconvenient due to high traffic flow.

The entrance on the first floor will feature a more modern look, with matching tile flooring and ceiling patterns.

Eventually, all the handrails on the stairs will be replaced to meet a life-safety code. Other possible improvements include new vending machines and pay phones for student accessibility.

After the first floor is completely renovated, the second phase of the project will begin in December on the second floor.

“The student center is often a good representation of how colleges treat their students,” Steele said.

By this time next year, he said, the entire renovation project should be completed.

“If there is improvement going on, it’s definitely worth waiting for,” Sarolkar said.

Tulane

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Holthaus said.

"We also have counseling sessions until five o'clock today for anyone who needs it. We're always here to help," Vega-Holthaus said.

Tulane students have had difficulty reaching friends because of damage in New Orleans and to the Tulane website.

"The telephones in New Orleans are closed. We cannot contact our friends in New Orleans," said Guoshing Zhu, a Tulane graduate student originally from China.

"I am worried about friends here and there around the United States. The only means to reach them is Tulane mail, and it is down," said Julie Hernandez, a Tulane graduate student originally from France.

"We're all like we're going to wake up from this. I just don't know when it is going to happen and what is going to happen in between," Hernandez said.

Tech Students were quick to

respond to emails sent out Tuesday night asking for their assistance in providing hospitality for the students. "There has been a huge outpouring of support. Students were coming out of the woodwork [to help]," Steele said.

"I think it is a great thing that Tech is doing. I'm glad to be involved and helping. It is something to do right here on campus," said Lukas Fortunado, a fifth-year Management major.

"We should pride ourselves for being a school that takes special care of those in need," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

With the condition in New Orleans still not stabilized, students do not know when Tulane will reopen. "The very optimistic option was September 21 to open up Tulane. There have been rumors that the whole semester may be gone," Hernandez said.

"We learned this morning how bad the city is flooded. Our school

is very damaged; you cannot walk or drive around," Zhu said.

Most of the Tulane students were picked up or taken to the airport today. Tech is continuing to coordinate taking the remaining students to the airport and finding long term housing for approximately 80 mostly graduate, international students who need it.

"Graduate students are having to make tough decisions. Several have families and they have a lot to take account of," Steele said.

With only limited information being posted on Tulane's website and no known recovery plan, students must make arrangements on limited information. "I am still waiting on news from the university. I cannot decide if I need to stay. I am hoping to go back to school," Zhu said.

Hernandez is taking a bus to New York to stay with friends, but said that Tulane feels like home now. "The only thing I want to do now is get back to New Orleans as soon as possible," she said.



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

New Orleans evacuees Ling Yu, Mingquan Yan, and daughter, Junru Yan, watch the nightly news on a post office television.

McGuire appointed Ivan Allen College Associate Dean

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Peter McGuire, a professor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture, was appointed to serve as the Associate Dean in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, effective Aug. 15.

McGuire joined the Tech faculty in 1975 and, along with teaching, has served in a variety of administrative positions over the course of his time here.

"I've been teaching here for 30 years and I've gotten to grow with the college," he said.

One of his most recent accomplishments was the creation of the Computational Media degree, a joint effort with the College of Computing. He said he is looking to apply

the lessons he learned in that endeavor to his new position.

"A lot of my teaching has been on the more technical side, so a big part of what I'm doing is...

trying to show if you are an engineer or scientist that your marketability and promotability are enhanced by the fact that you can understand how technology moves in the world," McGuire said.

McGuire hopes to get more students into liberal arts minors.

"You end up with a person with a bigger view and who can see the big picture. That goes on a transcript and



"A 21st century liberal arts graduate understands computers, mathematical modeling and economics."

Peter McGuire
Associate Dean, Ivan Allen College

recruiters can see that," he said.

"At some of our schools getting a minor is a default. You have to explain why you are not getting one versus why."

Because the Ivan Allen College produces unique graduates, McGuire said his efforts are all the more important. "There should be more stress on what makes us unique," he said.

"I get around to a lot of different schools and none produce students who are as unique."

According to McGuire this uniqueness is a result of the non-traditional technical style of the college.

"A 21st century liberal arts graduate understands computers, mathematical modeling and economics," he said. "Nobody is producing 21st century liberal arts graduates like Georgia Tech."

Despite the college's progress, McGuire said that a number of improvements can still be made.

"We need more professors. There

is a growth plan. The key is finding the resources and finding the money," he said.

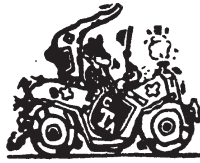
McGuire also plans to invest resources in undergraduate research. "As more resources become available, right along with that are ways to support the students who can work with them. We can start offering undergraduate scholarships and research," he said.

His major goal is to help Ivan Allen College gain recognition both inside and outside Tech. "There are still a lot of people who don't understand what we do. We have a terrific product. The key is to show it to people," he said.

Richard Barke, the former Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College, will return to the Public Policy faculty.

OPINIONS

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Quote of the week:
*"I saw what the governor makes.
 That's like four hands of blackjack."*
 —Charles Barkley

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Hurricane Help

As young adults in college, we walk around with a sense of invincibility. We are certain that there will be a tomorrow, and that tomorrow will be pretty much okay. We go on day-to-day without much thought to the instability that is life.

However, natural disasters and other personal tragedies bring us to a sudden stop, a stop that makes us wonder at the fragility of our existence.

The gravitas of such a devastating event such as Hurricane Katrina is impossible for most of us to imagine. But for our guests from Tulane, it is very much a reality.

We at the *Technique* wish to extend the warmest sympathy to the refugees fleeing the destruction of Katrina, especially to the approximately 80 international students who will be staying with us for an extended period of time. Your resilience in the face of tragedy is inspirational to us.

To all Tulane students and faculty, we know that your future is precariously uncertain at the moment. There are many unknowns in the aftermath of the hurricane that may take a great amount of time to resolve. But we do know that your spirit is still strong, and that you will return to New Orleans and facilitate its rebuilding.

To the Tech community, we are particularly proud of the way volunteers came out in support of our peers from Tulane. The volunteer effort was successfully pulled together at the last minute, with no appointed leadership. But it was successful due to the willingness of our community to pull together in aid of those in need. Volunteers came together from all segments of Tech, from graduate students to Greeks. People came out of the woodwork, neither vying for distinction nor recognition, but for true service and community.

The volunteer corps worked from 1 a.m. Wednesday morning to prepare for the buses of Tulane students and stayed throughout the day, helping them get hot showers, food and rest.

Perhaps it was the empathy we felt as fellow college students, or perhaps it was because many of us have friends and relatives from New Orleans. Regardless of its motivation the Tech community really pulled together. We showed that despite our many grumblings, we possess a strong community spirit.

Let us not forget that the Tulane community as a whole, and especially our long-term guests, will need continued aid in the weeks and months to come as they embark on the long rebuilding process. We need to keep them in our thoughts and continue with the momentum developed this week in the aid effort. If you see a Tulane student looking lost on campus, take the time to introduce yourself and help them feel welcome.

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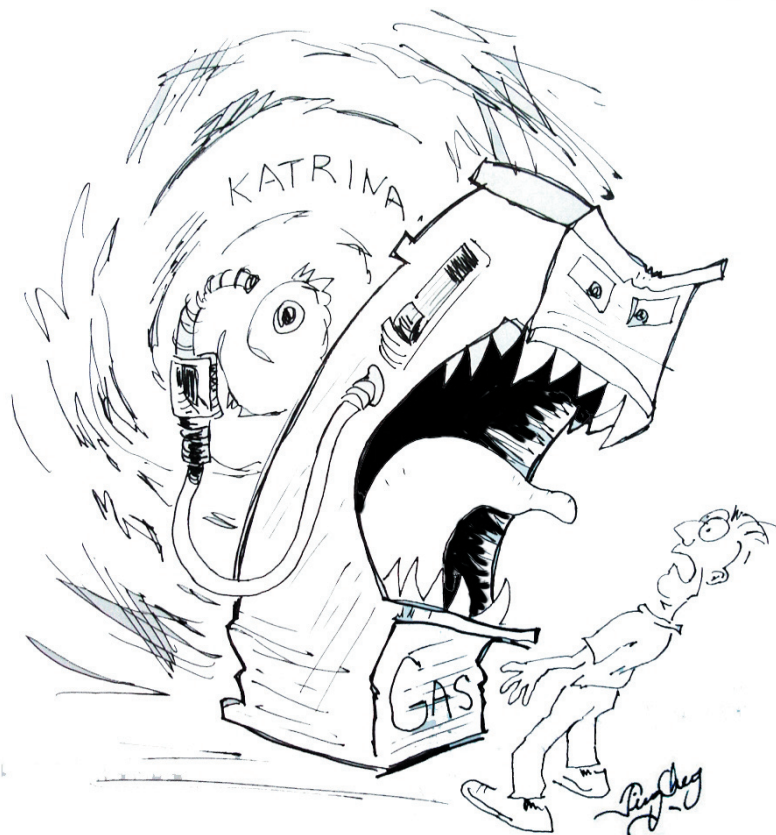
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By Ting Cheng / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Study U.S. before going abroad

The recent wave of students who studied abroad this summer has returned home and has now readjusted to life on campus. Those students return with suitcases full of souvenirs, a lifetime of memories and a hard drive full of pictures.

After talking to many of my own friends, I've heard one comment come up time and again: the people of other countries can't stop asking about life in the United States.

Whether it's questions about American politics, inquiries about hometown life, talks about American sports, interstate, the internet, plumbing, blue jeans, religion, the English language, economics, movie stars, terrorism, tornados, Mark Twain, farming...

As a study abroad student, you will be the official representative of anything and everything American.

The question I ask is this: Do most students have a comprehensive understanding of this country?

Personally I answer no to that question. Just as people from the Atlanta area may be ignorant of what life is like in a small-town in the Midwest, I am ignorant of most regional cultures around the country.

The skirmishes I've seen between a friend from up-state New York and another friend from central Alabama highlight just how diverse the people of the United States are.

We live in a country that rivals the size of Europe and is renowned as being a melting pot of all cultures.

For someone to learn all of the intricacies of the United States requires intense travel and instruction in an academic setting—two things that the study abroad programs do very well.

That is why I would like to see a new study abroad program created, not one that ships kids off to a different hemisphere, but one that indeed explores our own country.



"Before students can truly understand another country, they must first understand their own."

Patrick Odneal
 Sports Editor

The program would fit in well with the Office of International Education's (OIE) mission statement to advocate programs of study that prepare students to be globally competent.

Before students can truly understand another country, they must first understand their own. As Socrates implored, "Know thyself."

I find it unacceptable that a student would cross the English Channel before crossing the Mississippi, that a student would explore the Swiss Alps without seeing the Colorado Rockies or that a student walk the streets of Beijing without strolling through avenues of Washington D.C.

This new OIE program could be perfectly tailored to freshmen. After completing the first two semesters of college, most first-years aren't comfortable spending the summer in a foreign land. But spending the summer months exploring the United States is a reasonable alternative.

Maybe the program's motto would be, "See U.S. First." The knowledge the students would gain of their own country with the "See U.S. First" program would substantially enhance the experience of later study abroad programs they attend.

The course load of the "See U.S. First" program could easily be tailored to the freshman curriculum.

For English requirements, students could read Twain while travel-

ing through the Mississippi Valley, Steinbeck while in California and so forth.

For history, students could be in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Washington D.C. while learning about early American history.

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences classes could experience firsthand the climate and weather patterns they study in class.

For international students, the "See U.S. First" program would offer an excellent forum to see more of the United States than just the Atlanta area.

Upper level classes in geology, urban and regional economics and modern architecture, among others, could all be easily designed to a program that roams around the United States.

The "See U.S. First program", like the counterparts in foreign countries, could partner with other universities to provide students places to stay. Also, just as OIE partners with local residents and hotels in other countries, a similar system could be implemented in the United States.

As for travel plans, Amtrak offers discounts for all students, and Delta could be a natural ally.

A United States study program would enhance the study abroad experience for each student, and it would help complete an international education at Tech, because discovering your own nation is a prerequisite for discovering another nation.

Media loses sight of responsible reporting

The morning of August 8 was a momentous one for me. I ate breakfast and listened to the radio on the way to my summer internship just like I did every week, but inside, I knew that the end of an era had come.

I, along with the rest of the world, found out that morning that Peter Jennings had passed away due to lung cancer.

For those of you who don't watch the news, or perhaps watch only CNN, Peter Jennings was ABC's lead anchorman for the past 22 years.

An icon of American journalism, Mr. Jennings was also my personal hero. His eloquent voice and calm demeanor delivered the news into millions of households each night; mine was one of them.

I grew up watching Peter Jennings on an almost nightly basis. His was a familiar voice brought the world closer into my sheltered upbringing.

In that sense I feel like he played a critical role in shaping my world view and forming my political opinions.

But I mourn Jennings' passing not only for nostalgic reasons, but also as a journalist (albeit amateur) and an avid news junkie.

Jennings' passing marks the end of the era of the "big three" anchormen: a time when Jen-



"If journalists...took no risks to find the truth, there would be no reform, no social change."

Haining Yu
Opinions Editor

nings, Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather dominated the airwaves to bring American families the nightly news. His death also marks the fall of the last bastion of good news reporting.

More and more Americans are now getting their dose of current events in sound bites or short segments that play over and over on CNN Headline News.

Others turn to the internet, where a plethora of opinions bombard the reader.

Many call the media a circus, while I don't completely agree with that sentiment. The name of "media circus" is a moniker that becomes more and more appropriate each day.

During the Spanish-American War Americans were victims of "yellow journalism," in the 21st century Americans are victims of sensationalistic media.

Popular media nowadays, especially the around-the-clock

news channels like the one down the street, would much rather report on the misdeeds of celebrities than the misdeeds of African dictators.

Stories like Natalee Holloway and the Runaway Bride run rampant in popular media, while major revolutions in Nepal are largely ignored.

It seems that these journalists have forgotten that they are supposed to enlighten the minds of the public, not fill them with the latest gossip from Aruba or Duluth. Journalists play such a significant role in forming the public opinion on issues, and they seem to have forgotten that they have the responsibility to bring balanced, unbiased and pertinent news to the public.

I find it sad and ironic that I know more students who turn to Jon Stewart to find out what's going on in the world than they do to "real news."

Sadly, as much as I do love watching *The Daily Show*, it isn't real news. However, the very qualities that make Stewart so popular are the very ones that are missing in "real news."

If serious journalists had more of Stewart's frankness and his ability to provide perspective on the media's off-kilter sensationalism, the world of journalism would have a much brighter future than it does now.

Another journalistic responsibility that is often forgotten is the responsibility to play an active role in reporting the news. If journalists never dug for stories and took no risks to find the truth, there would be no reform, no social change. We never would have heard of Watergate or the Pentagon Papers.

Even here at the *Nique* we are guilty of not living up to all of our journalistic responsibilities.

We do our best to provide both sides of any story that we do, but we don't always go after the stories underneath the surface.

To be able to dig deeper, we need your help. Don't be afraid to express your opinion to us.

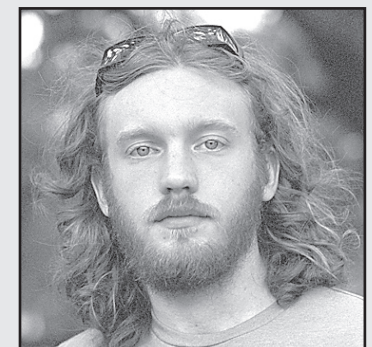
If something in the paper strikes you, write a letter to the editor. If something on campus bothers you, come talk to us. Together we can expose the pertinent issues on campus, and together we can address them.

BUZZ Around the Campus What do you think of your professors so far?



Catherine Gay
Second-year MATH

"They care about whether students pass or fail more than I expected."



Paul Clifton
Fifth-year ISyE
"My professors will be very entertaining this semester."



Justin Cooner
Fourth-year CE
"They'll have to do."



Ashley William
First-year BIOL
"You can tell that they like what they are doing."

Photos by Andrew Saulters

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



Saturday night lights

Unlike last year, when we opened against the less-than-stellar Samford Bulldogs, the Auburn season-opener promises to be an exciting match up.

Not only are they an old rival, but the Tigers, with their 15-game winning streak, will present our Jackets with a worthy foe to start the season with. Having the game shown on ESPN will only add to the excitement.



Sky-high gas prices

The last thing cash-strapped college students need to worry about is scrounging up enough money to fill up our gas tanks. Not only is Katrina hitting our coastline, but it's hitting our pocketbooks by causing already high gas prices to increase. Prices around Atlanta were reported at above \$5.00 a gallon, while many stations capped purchases or shut down completely.



gt what?

Hooray for email personalization. While we can't get away with crude aliases like yourmom@gatech.edu, we can't wait till when our non-Tech friends can finally remember our email addresses. Tech students can now exercise their creative neurons to think of catchy aliases.



Invasion of the mold

You would think that housing would have caught the mold in 6th Street before students moved in this semester, especially after repainting and re-carpeting the building all summer. At least housing's response was quick, but a room check really should have been conducted before school started.

Cell policy merits change

Staff Editorial
The Daily Iowan

(U-WIRE) U. Iowa—Embryonic stem-cell research has long been the subject of heated debate, and last week Iowa became a main staging area. The Center for Reclaiming America, an evangelical group based in Florida, began an advertising campaign in the Des Moines area on Aug. 25 criticizing Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who recently announced his support for expanded embryonic stem-cell research. Frist has in the past stood quite close to the Christian right, but its members' ingratitude notwithstanding, he picked a good issue to dissent on.

Frist, whose views usually align with those of President Bush, deviated from the president's stance on stem-cell research by adding his support, with some reservations, to the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005, a bill that would provide a needed expansion of federal

funding for embryonic stem-cell research.

Embryonic stem cells, which can develop into any kind of tissue in the body, are important to the research and treatment of many diseases. Currently, federal funds cannot be used for research involving newly destroyed embryos or for the creation of human embryos for research purposes: Only the 78 stem-cell lines in existence on Aug. 9, 2001, when Bush's policy went into force, are eligible, and contamination has rendered them to limited scientific use at best. These restrictions must be loosened if scientists are to make any substantial progress in research that may lead to treatments for Parkinson's disease, diabetes, and a variety of heart conditions. Federal funding is needed to further this research, because private funding cannot do the job alone.

Private companies, such as

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pharmaceutical and biomedical corporations, are not restricted on the money they can provide for embryonic stem-cell research. However, this type of funding is rare, because private companies want to see immediate results and benefits of the research they fund. This is not possible with embryonic research, because it often takes years and years to make the kind of progress private companies want instantly. As a result, embryonic stem-cell research is left underfunded and its potential unrealized.

Despite the possibility of treatment for numerous diseases as a result of expanded embryonic stem-cell research, Bush has vowed to veto such a bill should it reach his desk. A veto would send the bill back to Congress, and two-thirds of both the House and Senate would need to vote in favor of the bill to override the veto. Should it come down to that vote, Democrats and Republicans will need to come together in order to enact legislation that will potentially help millions of Americans suffering from debilitating diseases.

Frist's change of heart is a welcome development, and we hope that his leadership will help this bill become law. If scientists are to make the advancements needed in the treatment of such diseases as Parkinson's, they are going to need appropriate funds. Without help from the federal government in supplying these funds, the benefits of embryonic stem-cell research may never be realized.

It's been five years since I've been a freshman. Five years seems so long ago.

That's before iPods, before Georgia W., before Halo 2. Although five years have passed, I think I'm still young at heart and in touch with my inner frosh.

My brother started college exactly a week ago. I miss him a lot and I hope he has a smooth transition.

He asked me lots of questions about things I barely think about anymore. What will classes be like? Can I drop a class if I don't like it? What's it like having a roommate?

Lots of memories from my freshman year flooded back when I saw him, and I can't help but want to give every freshman out there plenty of encouragement.

Since freshmen hold a special place in my heart this year, I'm going to offer you some advice.

You're all bright young adults, so I'm sure you know all about Georgia Tech's challenging coursework and the struggle to maintain a strong GPA. But life's not all books and equations, my friends, although that might make life easier.

Today I'm encouraging all of you to work hard at having fun. Get involved in a club. Have a conversation with a person who's not your height or weight or who's from a different country than you. Don't be afraid to start small talk with someone in the elevator. And never stop yourself from asking out that guy or girl—they might be as scared as you are.

Take time to truly experience college life



“Meet new people. Get to know people who are different from you. You’ll learn something new about them and yourself.”

Alexandra Pajak
Columnist

The best experience in my freshman year took place over ice in just 30 minutes. This was not at a party or anything that involved dancing or drinking or loud music. It instead occurred while ice-skating at Centennial Olympic Park just days before Christmas.

I went together with three friends who were German exchange students at Tech and with my best friend who was also born in Germany who attended Agnes Scott College.

We arrived just as a rain started to drizzle down. We'd spent about an hour wandering around the darkened streets of Atlanta, from First Street to the Westin, before we finally found the ice rink.

As the rain came down, the attendant announced that the rink would only be open for another 30 minutes.

Time was short, so we strapped on rental skates and did what we could with the time given.

For that glorious half hour, I skated my heart out. Mind you, I'm a terrible skater and fell down several

times. The ice not only hurts when you land on your arm or bottom end, but the cold can sting. The skates gripped our ankles tight, and the ice glistened up at us from beneath the floodlights arranged around the rink.

The faster we skated the more the Christmas lights blurred together in pastels and red and greens. We fell into each other and helped each other up again. Our coats got wet from sliding on the frozen water, and my face ached from laughing.

I think I remember tossing ice flakes at my friends and then getting yelled at by a worker, which was a high of the evening in a third grade kind of way.

I could actually smell nature smells like pine instead of sewage and dorm stink.

Mind you this was the week of finals. I had an exam the next morning I should have been studying for.

I actually aced the exam, but I couldn't tell you a single question or answer on it today, or even the subject. (I think it was biology.)

Though it was raining, and frigid and our time was short, that was the most fun I've ever had.

After 30 minutes had ended, we stopped our skating for the time, un-strapped our skates, and made our way back home, disappearing into the glowing cityscape.

Falling down hurts, especially when it's on annoyingly cold things like ice. But real friends will be there to help you up, and maybe prevent you from falling at all.

Only if you keep getting up again can you begin to master the difficult craft of ice-skating.

Sometimes trying new things can seem as daunting as taking a stroll on water that threatens to swallow you up.

In an experience like college when everything seems so new and frightening and invigorating all at once, remember to have a blast.

Life's tough, but not impossible. Exchange students and boyfriends/girlfriends and college itself may come and go like winter rain, but the memories and feelings—both good and bad—stay with you forever and make you who you are.

So put on some rental shoes and try something new.

Don't be afraid of falling, because we all do sometimes. Meet new people.

Get to know people who are different from you.

You'll learn something new about them and yourself. And don't forget to notice the trees and the lights and the stars.

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Tech study abroad student gives a thrilling account of being part of a bull-running fiesta in Pampalona, Spain. Page 15

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The sequel to the action hit impresses with a flurry of fast-paced, fantastical action sequences. Page 17



Tech student gives keynote speech at United Nations

Sejdefa Dozic addresses United Nations on 10th anniversary of Bosnian Genocide



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sejdefa Dozic, a second-year at the Institute detailed the experience of growing up in Srebrenica in front of the United Nations.

By Swathy Prithivi
Focus Editor

Sejdefa Dozic is a sophomore majoring in Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech.

Unlike your average student she is a survivor of a hostile takeover of her hometown, Srebrenica which was a U.N. designated "safe area"

in former Yugoslavia by the Bosnian Serb Army.

The massacre of 8,000 Muslim boys and men is considered to be the worst genocide in Europe since World War II.

Over the summer, she addressed a group at the United Nations in New York at the 10th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide.

"I was very honored that I was chosen to represent my people that day. My speech was very challenging to deliver but I was happy that it was well-received," Dozic said.

Her boss, Marilyn Somers, the Director of the Georgia Tech Living History Program tells the 'Nique her experience of hearing Dozic address the United Nations.

Somers was introduced to Dozic through ArtReach Foundation, a nonprofit organization that had a pilot program in Bosnia working with children in war-ravaged areas to help them deal with their traumas through the use of the expressive arts.

An excellent linguist, she came to the program as a translator and caught the attention of Susan Anderson, the founder and executive director of Foundation who worked along with Somers in making Dozic's study at Tech a reality.

Somers said of the UN experience, "It was very difficult. First of all we were told to arrive at a specific time and date so that we would go in as a group. I was one of only four people that came from Atlanta. The plan was that there were going to be passes at the gate for us.

"Entering the United Nations is like entering a whole different country. It was ninety-five degrees in the shade, they didn't have the passes for us and then we had to go through all the security stuff. So by the time we actually entered the UN we were all wiped out," she said.

The first thing they were asked to do was to look at the exhibits that had been put up which had very graphic photography and artistic interpretation.

"This is commemorating geno-

cide and no matter how you put it, it's not very easy," Somers said. "Sejdefa had a well-prepared speech but she was very anxious about it."

The audience included many Bosnian-Americans who had immigrated to America and were not necessarily a part of the genocide but were somehow affected by it.

"In the midst of all the turmoil there was the wonderful Ambassador

"When I was a small child I was like any child. I had my friends and my toys and I lived very happily with my family and I thought that that's the way my life would always be' and then she stopped and said, 'But I was wrong.'

"She repeated that every time she talked about it, it would be the positives of it and then it would be 'but I was wrong'. And pretty soon we were all mesmerized," Somers said.

She told the horror of being seven years old and having bombs come overhead, the horror of her family for three years desperately trying to protect the children.

Her uncles and her father dug five-foot deep trenches in the backyard and they put the children there at night and covered that up with branches to try to protect them from shrapnel. School was disbanded.

All of the children that had been friends with her who were not Muslim immediately hated her.

"Everybody looked the same and yet there were very carefully drawn lines where this was the enemy and this wasn't for no rhyme or reason," Somers said.

"She talked about seeing the Dutch peace keepers actually giving their equipment and their uniforms to the Serbs that had come in, so that they could put up a false front and arrest the men that were trying to hideout because their goal was to kill as many of the Bosnian Muslims as possible," Somers said.

"The townspeople got together and decided that the men would lead the troops one way so that the women could get away to head to safety. So all the men and boys under a certain

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Looking toward new Vision for Islam and the West

A glance at complexities of integrating traditional Muslim values into modern society

By Uzma Ansari
Contributing Writer

With seemingly endless media coverage over the past few years, Islam has been brought to the forefront of the Western world time and time again.

As a result, the issue of having traditional Islamic values integrated into modern day society has become a complicated one, leaving both non-Muslims and Muslims alike with a sense of confusion.

How do Tech students feel about the issue? The common reactions range from confusion, to fear of sounding uninformed to sheer apathy.

As fourth-year INTA student William Welch said, the issue is "perhaps made more complicated by the fact that I've learned very little about it in school, or in environments in which facts are presented, rather than bombast or apologist."

Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, founder of the American Society for Muslim Advancement, recently spoke at Tech for the College of Management's IMPACT Speaker Series.

Although focusing primarily upon the socioeconomic aspect of Islamic assimilation with the west, he also spoke about the cultural factors involved with the issues at hand.

According to Rauf, incorporating

"The...community is now on the cutting edge of evolving something which we have to call an American Islamic identity."

Imam Rauf
American Society for Muslim Advancement

Islam into western culture is dependent upon the identity that American Muslims create for themselves.

"The...community is now on the cutting edge of evolving something which we have to call an American

Islamic identity," Rauf said.

"We are now in a situation analogous to...previous immigrants that came to this country," he said.

But what makes it difficult for Islam to mesh into a society whose history is based upon the mixing of different ideas and cultures?

"Immigrants who came from Europe...when they came, the relationship with their homeland was pretty much cut off."

Thus according to Rauf, the connection that immigrants in today's society have with their respective homelands made much easier via improved communication tools like the Internet serves as a roadblock preventing the evolution of an American Muslim Identity.

The validity of this notion can be argued to great lengths, but it remains an interesting idea nonetheless.

Other than cultural or economic factors, do the basic values underlying Islamic faith play a role in complicating the integration process?

Theoretically they should not, considering the fact that most world religions share basic core values.

Most Muslims at Tech would define Islam as a way of life.

Like most other religions, it is message on how to live righteously based on the principle that all of humanity should respect each other.

Joanna Bayles, fourth-year Chemistry major claims that primarily, most religions share common

"Western media is not clearly as open-minded about Islam as it needs to be."

Waqas Sheikh
President, Pakistani Student Association

values and themes from a moral perspective.

One would assume that these similarities would help facilitate understanding between different religions.

But as Bayles further claims, most people have a general understanding

of the commonality between different faiths, but that "perhaps some of the loudest people in each religion claim otherwise.

They think that their religion is the only 'true' religion."

This may be another impediment towards the integration of Islam into the western world.

Similar to the way in which the KKK distorts fundamental Christian values, certain people representing themselves as spokespeople for Islam distort its teachings in order to justify personal agendas (for example, Osama Bin Laden).

With the media traditionally using fundamentalists as spokespeople for Islam in other nations, certain misrepresentations have been created as a result.

As Waqas Sheikh, President of the Pakistani Students Association states, "Western media is not nearly as open-minded about Islam as it needs to be. It's sad to see implications [and sometimes even obvious statements] regarding certain select groups of Muslims representing the

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age went into the woods to escape. 80,000 of them were massacred over a period of time.”

Somers said, “Sejdefa told us she lost her father, five uncles and 19 male cousins on both sides of the family. They survived with little or no food.”

Dozic also talked about being fortunate to attend Tech, which she called a great American institution and said she was learning a skill with which she could earn money to take back to her people.

She has no intentions of staying here and wants to go back to Sarajevo, Bosnia to help out her family.

By the end of her speech not a sound was heard in spite of the 700 people sitting in the auditorium.

“Sejdefa’s closing remarks were, ‘Today I have come to tell you just a little layers of my story, because I wanted you to hear my story. If I had told you all of the layers, you would have just seen me stand here and cry, and two tears rolled down her cheeks,’ Somers said.

“She picked up her papers and

turned to go down and then people just exploded. They just jumped and they were screaming and crying. They couldn’t stop the applause. It was very dramatic,” she said.

Somers said, “I have known her

“[People] just jumped and they were crying and screaming. They couldn’t stop the applause. It was very dramatic.”

Marilyn Somers
GT Director of Living History

ever since she came to the United States and even before she came. I thought I knew her really well and yet at that moment I didn’t even begin to know the depth of her suffering

that goes into her story.”

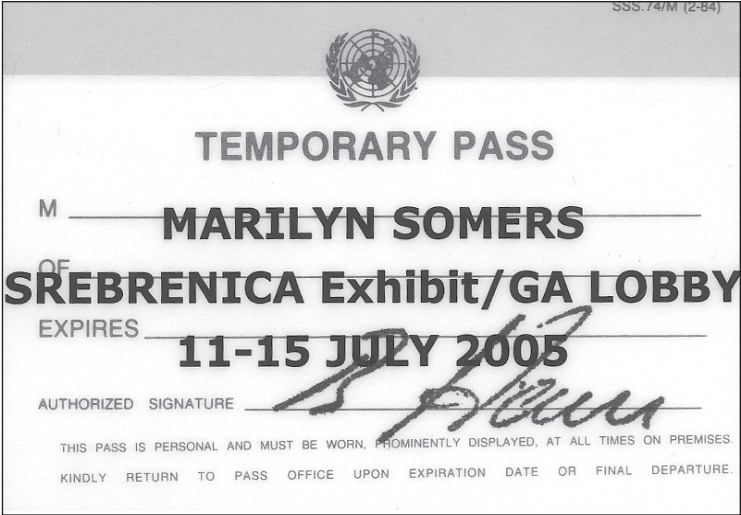
Dozic went back to Sarajevo to visit her mother, grandmother and brother after her U.N. speech but she was not prepared for what she found there. She was a national celebrity.

“The Ambassador from Bosnia said to me, ‘Look at that young woman. She is the hope; she is the future of our country. Someday she or someone like her will be President and that will be the only way there will be peace and forgiveness in my country,’ Somers said”

That is a lot of responsibility to hang on a pair of shoulders, especially for someone so young.

Dozic, unlike many of the youngsters in Bosnia of her age group, wants to take all of her energy and focus it on positive things and making a difference in the world. She does not have any political intentions but she realizes now that everyone is watching her, and as Somers put it, “she had better make everyone proud of her.”

“I’m sure anyone that would hear



This is U.N. pass given to Marilyn Somers in New York on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide.

the story would be proud of her for what she did,” Somers said.

Dozic chose Tech because of its technological focus and for someone whose first language is not English, traces her love of mathematics and sciences because of their similarity in all languages.

“When’s she not under the gun with classes, she’s fun and funny,” Somers said revealing a lighter side of Dozic.

“She is making a lot of personal sacrifices and certainly has a load on her back. But she stands up straight,” Somers said.

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The summer of MCATs, chopsticks and caffeine

By Uzma Ansari
Contributing Writer

Summer—a time when most students are able to breathe a breath of fresh air and escape from the confines of the day-to-day Georgia Tech grind.

Some of us had the privilege of studying abroad in exotic locals, while others worked summer jobs or decided to catch up on exciting infomercials while mooching off of parents.

However there were those seemingly unfortunate few, myself included, who stuck around for the summer semester.

While the rest of you were partying on different continents or catching up on sleep, I was one of the few stuck in the library pretending to study while actually facebooking and/or blogging about how I should

be studying.

My summer started off as most summers do, with a trip home to visit my parents...in Las Vegas. Cheesy bright lights, bustling casinos and countless parties galore...unless it's

“There’s nothing like screaming profanities in the air while plummeting 200 feet towards solid concrete.”

where you’re parents live.

In this case, Las Vegas was where I gorged on fattening Momma-food while watching endless episodes of ‘Saved by the Bell’ and dare I say it,

ing about the religion or its adherents...with world events the way they are, it falls more on the shoulders of Muslims to dispel rumors and misunderstandings.

“And those who are moderate within the religion need to speak up and loudly,” Pedicino said.

Perhaps the most important thing for Muslims to do is to remain as open-minded towards others as they want people to be towards them.

Sheikh said, “Muslims generally have not done a great job of explaining the background and philosophy behind a lot of our customs and values.

“If we as a community try to

‘The Newlyweds’.

Needless to say after a week of killing brain cells with television and sleeping more than any human being should be allowed to, returning to Tech was a bit difficult. Especially with everything that lay ahead of me.

But things started off well with a trip to Six Flags. There’s nothing like screaming profanities in the air while plummeting 200 feet towards solid concrete.

For some strange reason, having your heart jump into your throat is much more fun than it sounds. Coupled with the guilty pleasure of watching people in air lifts drop slushies on Yosemite Sam’s head, the park made for an excellent time.

I also tried authentic Korean food for the first time this summer. Mainstream ethnic cuisine in America has a tendency of being Americanized

open up and be more vocal about

“And those who are moderate within the [Islamic] religion need to speak up and loudly”

Vince Pedicino
INTA Graduate student

our religion and ideology, we’ll find there are more ‘outsiders’ will-

versions of the real thing.

However in this case I was completely lost as far as understanding the menu, but the experience was wonderful as a result. I had mushroom and tofu soup, which

“Take comfort in the fact that the farther people go, the better stories they come back with.”

was brought out bubbling in a tiny cauldron-like bowl.

I was informed to crack a raw egg into the boiling soup and allow it to cook for a short while...talk about fresh egg drop soup! It was fabulous.

ing to listen and understand where we’re coming from than we might imagine,” he said.

Various organizations around campus are taking this approach and are attempting to educate others on Islamic culture and customs.

Last year, the Muslim Students Association hosted a Fast-a-Thon which invited non-Muslims to fast alongside Muslims during the Islamic month of Ramadan.

Other organizations such as the Pakistani Students Association also encourage this kind of education.

Therefore particularly in social settings of college campuses, the integration of Islam into modern day

I also managed to absorb the intricacies of handling chopsticks.

Although divine food and interesting outings here and there lit up my bland summer, nothing could help me escape from the MCAT.

All apologies to those who’ve recently taken the exam, as the mere mention of it may continue to strike fear in your hearts.

Studying for this thing was no walk in the park, but the gallons of Starbucks coffee I consumed did make it a bit easier.

At that point if you poked me with a needle, I probably would have bled Java Chip Frappachinos or triple-shot espressos.

Towards the end of the summer, my days consisted of class, work, coffee, and some quality time with Kaplan review material.

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Islam

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vast Muslim community.

Considering the size of the Muslim world, [over one billion people], and the fact that this is an ever-increasing number, this generalization is both ridiculous and dangerous.”

Herein lies the problem: Who can non-Muslims turn to in order to better understand this seemingly confusing faith at Tech?

As INTA Grad student Vince Pedicino states, “At Georgia Tech, a lot of people know that we have Muslim students but know noth-

culture is not solely dependent upon Muslims or non-Muslims.

The issue is not an “us against them” battle, but rather a confusing predicament requiring common understanding and a willingness to learn from each other.

As former Tech student Shaela Rahman said, “[What is] so great about Western society is the encouragement of the freedom in expressing one’s mind and belief.

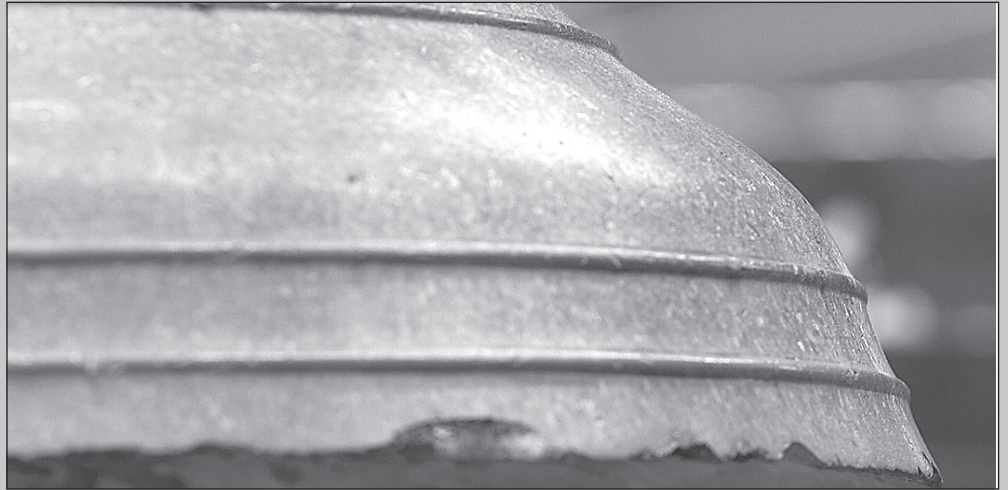
“Being different and not conforming to society, having a difference of opinion, this is what builds character in a person and is what Western society has thrived upon,” Rahman said.

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By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Uzma Ansari, a biology senior, studies for the MCAT, which she took in August while eating with chopsticks.

After diligently studying for about a month or so, I was able to put things in perspective and realize that it was only a test.

Lifewould go on, the world would not end, and I would continue to live the dorky yet incredibly badass lifestyle that I had been living.

However it was difficult for other people to understand this. After telling friends that I would be taking the MCAT soon, some would gasp and look at me as if I had Ebola. My mother acted like I was going off to war, making sure I called her regularly and did all prayers daily as she figured I needed all the divine intervention I could get.

The day of the test was insane to say the least. While driving to the MCAT, I somehow managed to get lost with 20 minutes left for the test to begin and also got stopped by a

police officer thanks to my horrifying driving skills.

Anti-climatically, I did manage to make it to the test center in time and do the best I could during the test and slowly transition into the new Fall semester.

Although summer classes, work and MCATs aren't the greatest way to spend one's summer, somehow it still managed to be a memorable experience.

So if you find yourself having to stay at Tech for a summer or two, do not fear.

Even if you're stuck with difficult classes while your friends are partying all over the globe, take comfort in the fact that the farther people go the better stories they come back with.

And no matter how mundane or stressful you expect your summer to be, force yourself to have fun and create your own stories to tell.

"I would continue to live the dorky yet incredibly badass lifestyle that I had been living"

Running with Bulls in Spain

By Jamal Ashraf
Contributing Writer

While studying abroad with the Oxford program in England, my friend Ben and I decided to take a weekend trip to Pamplona, Spain to attend the world renowned San Fermin festival, otherwise known as Running with the Bulls.

The festival takes place every year from July 7 to 14 with the run starting each morning at 8 a.m. I went into the run knowing only a few of the basic principles.

The participants, consisting of mostly young men and a few brave women, run in front of bulls which are let out of a pen and led through the confusing streets of the city and into the local bull ring.

Half-asleep and ready to pass out, we dragged ourselves off the bus and into the streets of Pamplona. To our amazement, there were thousands of people roaming the streets, like zombies, at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Logic dictated that we follow the crowds; and that's exactly what we did. Technically, there really was no way we could get lost, since we had no idea where we were going in the first place.

Standing in a sea of white-clad Spaniards, we discovered that quite unknowingly, we were already in the middle of the run.

Apparently there is no starting place for the run and everyone just has to be within the cordoned off streets before 7:30 a.m. Convoys of police men flowed into the streets, along with festival workers putting up fences to seal the streets off. Cleaning crews and trucks hit the streets in an effort to rid the ankle-deep trash that was littered about. Thousands of spectators filled the balconies and areas along the streets.

Along the way, we met Americans

from different parts of the country, and learned that one of the most hazardous parts of the run was a dangerous 90 degree turn where the bulls slip and fall towards the opposite end of the turn.

I was pretty calm at this point, not really realizing the significance of the event that was to come. Ben and I split a can of Red Bull to make sure we would be on our feet. The run was drawing closer and people in the streets could be seen stretching their muscles.

I said good luck to all the runners I had met and we went to go find our spot to begin the run. After arguing for a bit, we decided to start at the end of the first street before the first turn. We settled on this mainly so we could see the bulls come out of their pen at the bottom of the street and make their way up towards us.

There was about five minutes until

the first shot would be fired, which let everyone know that the bulls would be let out of the pen. Standing there looking down the street waiting for the shot to be fired I now started to think about the importance of what I was about to do.

The runners started chanting a traditional song; the mood was absolutely terrific.

Seconds remained, and I said a short prayer under my breath, asking for the very least to be alive after the run.

Crowds of people started to walk up the street, away from the pen, and then suddenly the first shot was fired. Everyone picked up their pace and were now jogging. Moments later the second shot was fired and I was waiting around to get an actual glimpse of the bulls that were now

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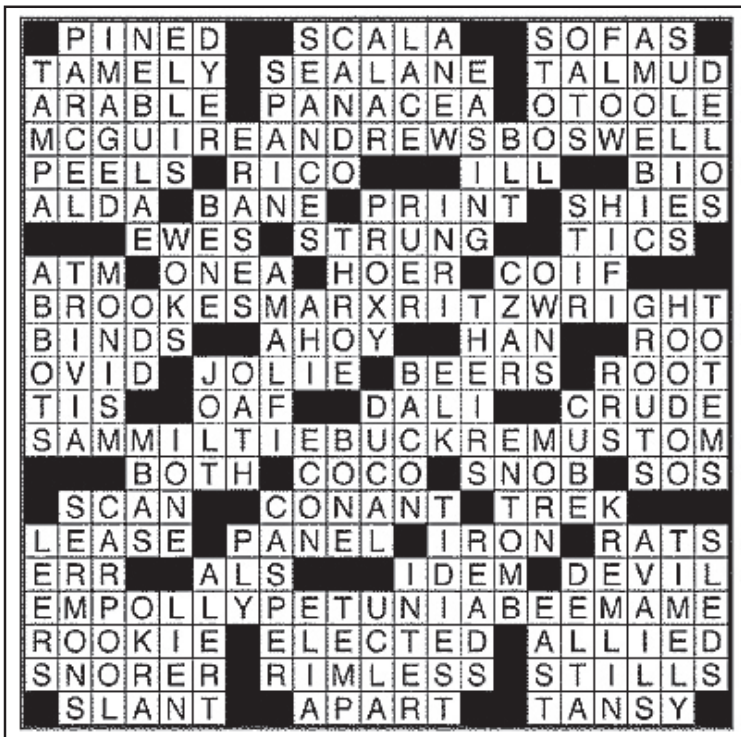


By Jamal Ashraf

People attempt to dodge raging bulls in Pamplona, Spain's most exciting bull-running fiesta honoring a patron saint, San Fermín.

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in the street.

Seeing the rush of people pass me I finally felt the fear that people spoke of, overpower me and I zoned out everyone around me. This was just between the bulls, the cobblestone streets, and me.

Before I knew it, I glimpsed the mammoth creatures everyone was running away from. I stared in disbelief at the massive bulls as they ran along side me.

I couldn't keep up with them and was blocked from running behind them with the heavy police barricade. This is done as the bulls are distracted by those running behind them, and they can turn around wreak havoc.

A horde of people started congregating near the blockade, some jumped the fence and left, and others just started to disperse in every direction. I was totally confused, but assumed it was over.

All of the sudden, hundreds of runners pushed up against the fence, crushing my knees against one of the planks, while a second herd of bulls just rammed through the crowd, creating panic and chaos everywhere.

The street was cordoned off, so where all of these people supposed to go?

Luckily, the gates were lifted, and the bulls and runners ran out. I jumped and started running behind them, no longer scared, but excited.

I made it out alive as the bulls were long gone. Soon, I heard the third shot go off, indicating that the bulls were now in the ring.

Avoiding being trampled, dodging the bulls at the precise moment, and basically evading death itself, all within a few minutes—what an adrenaline trip.

I discovered that bull running and Tech were pretty similar. Even though I survived the run, unscathed and fully intact, I can't say I'd do it again. Atleast for sometime.



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Phoning home: A displaced Tulane student tries to reach family and friends as he ponders his next destination. Approximately 275 students from Tulane University were hosted by Tech in a major relief effort. Many international students who cannot return home will remain in Atlanta while Tulane is closed.

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SHALL WE DANCE?

Come and see what the Atlanta Ballet has to offer this season as the company prances around the stage. **Page 23**

CORNERBACK COMEBACK

Dennis Davis is back in good health and back to the business of defense this semester. **Page 27**

Best in business gets back in game



Photo courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

As Frank Martin, Jason Statham battles to defend his honor and rescue the boy he was hired to protect.

By Eric Reid
Contributing Writer

In *Transporter 2*, Frank Martin (Jason Statham) is a driver by trade who becomes mixed up in an elaborate kidnapping plot involving a young boy named Jack, whom Frank has been driving to school for the last month.

On Frank's last day of service he takes the boy to the doctor's office. Upon arrival, Martin realizes something is wrong at the office and manages to foil a kidnapping attempt.

For readers who have not seen the first movie, Martin, a mercenary, is more of a body-guard than a "driver," and is charged with the Jack's security during transport.

Those who underestimate the plain, unassuming Martin in this movie tend to be incapacitated soon after.

Two fight scenes and a car chase later, the villains trap Martin and the boy and capture both of them. This results in Martin being wrongly implicated in the kidnapping plot, causing problems for Martin because the boy's father is a high-profile gov-

ernment drug-enforcement official who is also worth over \$100 million. As a result he must pull double duty by saving the boy who he promised to protect and evade the police at the same time.

The viewer's first impression of Martin comes in the form of his obsession with his car and his steely, "by-the-rules" demeanor. He teaches Jack his three rules a person must follow upon entering a man's car which include greeting the driver,

keeping your feet off of the seat and buckling up.

The car itself is a beautiful black Audi A8. The growl of its W-12 engine made the car chase scenes that much more delightful.

Transporter 2 is an extremely entertaining movie and is so fast-paced that the frequent comic relief gives you a chance to realize that you've been holding your breath.

This movie is overpowered by its fantastically unbelievable action scenes and jaw-dropping fights.

The fact of the matter is that unrealistic is the operative word when it comes to *Transporter 2*.

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The Cave falls flat as horror thriller

By Uzma Ansari
Contributing Writer

If you are looking for something that will put you to sleep or bore you to tears, *The Cave* is the perfect film for you. Mind numbingly predictable and cursed with a talentless cast, I lost interest after 10 minutes and spent the remaining 87 waiting anxiously for it to end.

Starring Cole Hauser (*Paparazzi*), Eddie Cibrian (*Baywatch Nights*) and Piper Perabo (*Coyote Ugly*), the story revolves around a group of divers and scientists chosen to explore an underground cave.

But of course, this is no ordinary cave. Legend has it that it is inhabited by a mythical half-goblin/half-hu-

"The plot is predictable, moments meant to be dramatic are so ridiculous they end up humorous, and the acting is dry at its best."

man creature.

What happens to these characters after they choose to ignore this ancient story is exactly what you would expect.

After a few seemingly successful findings, the divers' luck takes a turn



Photo courtesy Sony Pictures

Morris Chestnut explores an underground cavern and finds much more than he expected, only in a very "hasn't this movie been done before, and wasn't it much better the first time?" sort of way.

for the worse as they find themselves trapped in the cave with no contact to the outside world and thus no hope of a rescue. What follows is a series of events meant to portray the abject fear felt by these divers as they are stalked by a horrible and unknown threat.

The plot is predictable, moments meant to be dramatic are so ridiculous they end up humorous, and the acting is dry at its best. The story lacks much needed character

development, which would have involved the viewer more in the emotions of the characters.

Therefore instead of moving through the caves with the actors and experiencing their fear first hand, it feels more like watching lab mice trying to find their way out of a maze.

If the names of the cast members and their other respective movies do not sound familiar, it would not come as a surprise. This should have

been the first red flag foreboding the dreadful quality of the film. Even though the script was clichéd and predictable, decent acting may have saved the film from drowning amongst other third-class horror movies. However, the acting effort put forth by the cast is rather bland, thus sending the movie to its impending box-office doom.

The only positive element worth

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He's here inside the Fox

Join Broadway in Atlanta at the Fabulous Fox Theatre for their production of *Phantom of the Opera*, running now through Sep. 25. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Ticket prices run from \$17 to \$62.

Calling all fantasy characters

It's that time again—'tis the season for fairies, space marines, cyborgs, super heroes and more. That's right, *Dragon*Con* will be at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta today through Monday. Over 370 artists and bands have been booked for this year's convention, billed as America's largest popular media festival. Memberships for the whole weekend can be purchased at the door for \$85, and memberships for three, two and one days can be purchased for \$70, \$50 and \$30, respectively. A one-day membership purchased for Monday costs \$25. Children under 7 are admitted for free. Everything gets started at 1 p.m. this afternoon, runs until 10 p.m. every night this weekend, and wraps up at 4 p.m. on Monday. Visit www.dragoncon.org for more information and watch next week's *Technique* for a convention wrap-up.

Gameriot comes to our fair city

If *Dragon*Con* just isn't enough, or if \$85 is a little bit too much for you to pay to get your geek on, there is still hope! Gameriot, "the world's largest traveling videogame party," makes its stop in Atlanta at the Masquerade on Wednesday, Sep. 7 at 5 p.m. For a paltry \$10, you can check out some of the newest and unreleased titles for console and PC, score free stuff and play in tournaments for fabulous (we assume) prizes.

Must be geek appreciation week

If you missed Weezer at Underground earlier this summer, here's your second chance. The Foo Fighters and Weezer will be co-headlining a show at the Arena at Gwinnett Center this Thursday, Sep. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Unlike Weezer's show back in July, this one isn't quite free. Tickets cost from \$29.50 and \$39.50 plus all of those nasty service charges. Still not a bad deal for two awesome rock bands.

Here comes art in the park

This Saturday there will be an art show in Victorian Glover Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is free.

Gilliam disappoints with lackluster *Grimm*



Photo courtesy MGM

Heath Ledger and Matt Damon play the titular *Brothers Grimm* in Terry Gilliam's new film reinterpreting the historical characters.

By Christina Cataldo
Contributing Writer

Terry Gilliam's *Brothers Grimm* begins with a clear plot of a band of brothers attempting to destroy the evil spirits who have been wrecking havoc and murdering innocent children in a remote village, but soon, the plot spirals into a convoluted and incoherent combination of mystery, comedy, horror, adventure and love. While the premise of *Brothers Grimm*

proves compelling, ultimately the execution fails, leaving the audience at once bored and utterly confused, as if left out of Gilliam's inside jokes and quirky antics.

Gilliam's oft misplaced attempts at comic relief cause confusion as to whether the film is truly a farce or to be taken seriously. Much of the humor used feels more immature and undeveloped than well placed or amusing, highlighting the lack of comedic timing and chemistry

within the cast.

Gilliam haphazardly throws in several hackneyed stock characters to provide comedic relief but, in doing so, discredits his abilities to understand people as a director. The main villain in the film, played by Peter Stormare, proves to be the most perplexing, yet one dimensional of characters. Mainly Stormare's character is a portrayal of the stereotypical

“While the premise of *Brothers Grimm* proves compelling, ultimately the execution fails, leaving the audience...bored....”

bumbling villain with a ridiculous Italian accent. Mid-film, however, the character inexplicably, and with no apparent character motivation, transforms into a protagonist, leaving the audience with the sense of an ill-planned and chaotically illogical movie.

The lackluster cast, including the sad duo of Matt Damon and Heath Ledger, is practically painful to watch. The forced attempt at chemistry between Damon and Ledger only highlights the lack thereof. The

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Photo courtesy MGM

Monica Bellucci, as the mirror queen, turns in one of the top performances in an otherwise underwhelming *The Brothers Grimm*.

Two Bits

The Two Bits Man battles unruly roommates, towering trash heaps, local law enforcement

Over the summer, your very own Two Bits Man decided to stay on-campus and make lots of money by co-oping. Something the Professional Practice office doesn't tell you about these jobs is how little work you have to do while being paid at least twice per hour what your burger-flipping friends from UGA make. That was the good part of the summer.

There was an unforeseen pitfall, though: my decision to go in for random roommates. In my infinite cynicism, I probably should have found three to five well-known but evil roommates.

However, I went for the three to five unknown but still evil roommates, all in the hope of scoring one of the (comparatively) spacious apartments in which I could have an entire room all to myself, with no roommate who can't be bothered to get up from playing World Of Warcraft for more than ten minutes in a day. I mean, this guy didn't even get up to bathe—he did it right there in the chair. My eyes still burn when I think about it. But I digress.

These new roommates were interest-

ing. At first they seemed reasonably worthy of my greatness—one even threw interesting parties, a quality sorely lacking here at Georgia Tech.

Then the faults came out, slowly but with great insidiousness. First, they stopped taking out the trash. In my wisdom, I tried not taking out the trash to discourage this. We had trash piled up almost to the ceiling balanced in a precarious pyramid of refuse before I finally gave in and took it out myself. Then they stopped washing the dishes. This, too, was disappointing, but tolerable.

Finally, the fruit fly infestation came. Those little buggers can make housing pretty miserable. They're large enough for you to see them, but small enough to take away the joy of killing small animals, primarily because they're so damn hard to swat.

Through trial and error, I found that beer makes an excellent fruit fly trap, leaving only the problem of cleaning up hundreds of dead flies drowned in puddles of beer. Seeing as how these little pests tend to like living in Tech housing and will likely trouble you one of these days, you can benefit from my experience. And don't say

I never taught you anything.

It gets worse though. Apparently one of those roommates had it in for me. This wasn't petty roommate hate,

which is entirely normal, such as in the case of World of WarcraftDude. That was a healthy amount of hate, especially after he wouldn't share his beer.

No, this was the pure type of hate, the kind of hate that kills

kittens, the kind that makes people buy SUVs and large trucks, the kind of hate that makes you blame video games for all the world's ills. So, to all you haters out there, you've got nothing on this guy.

This guy took issue with everything I did. He didn't like the way that I said hello to his girlfriend. He didn't like that I offered to take out his trash. He didn't like that I offered him food. He didn't like the fact that I used knives when I cooked.

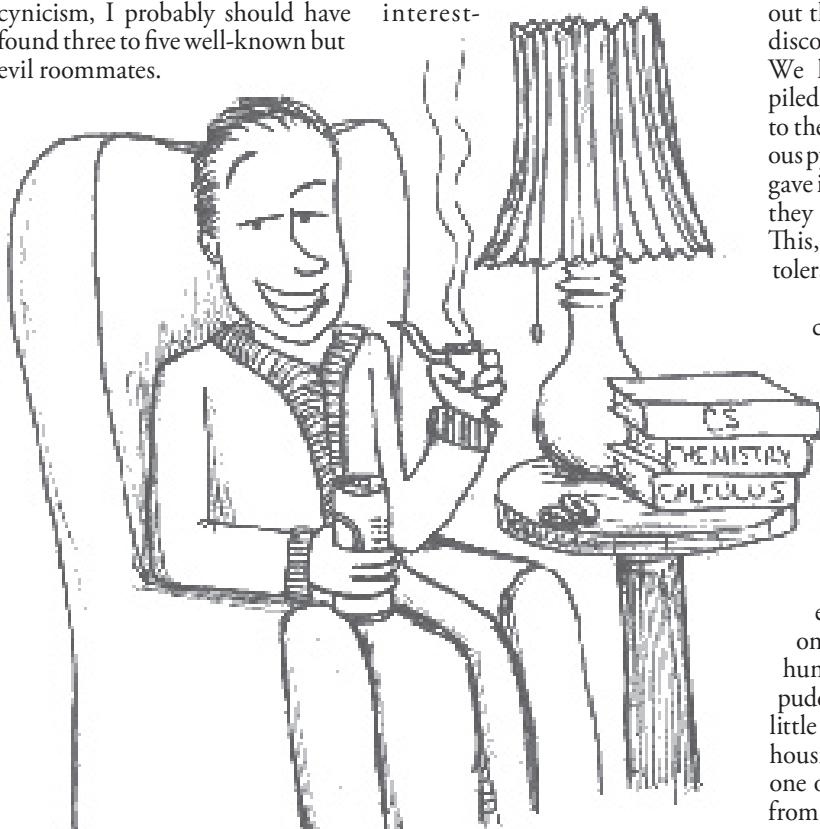
He also lacked a sense of humor, which is not good if you are the

roommate of the illustrious Two Bits Man. Apparently, he thought it would be funny to call the cops on me because he didn't care for me as a roommate. That's right—the cops. Thus, today's primary lesson: do not call the police on your roommate. I assure you that it will be very inconvenient for the roommate in question, and the cops usually aren't too big on it either.

However, there are many other ways of dealing with out-of-line roommates; you could try talking to them, or asking for help from housing, but what's the fun in that? There are plenty of more amusing ways to get even. Laxatives in his milk while he's sleeping, paper over his door with the *Technique* and plenty of duct tape, anything involving hot sauce. A Google search will reveal plenty of creative ideas. Just don't hold me responsible if anything unfortunate happens to you in return.

So if you, my loyal readers, were paying attention, you learned to pick your roommates, and then prank the annoying ones that slip through. If you weren't paying attention, you're

going to prank your roommates anyway, just without that special Two Bits aplomb. Either way, you win.



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Martin’s car proves impermeable to any bullets, concrete walls, hard landings and even appears to be scratch resistant. This may prove to be a turn off to those who enjoy at least a little realism in their film—going experience.

One scene has Martin flip the car in an outrageous maneuver to save his own life from a villain’s bomb and another scene has him crash a jet ski onto a highway to jump onto a bus and catch a fleeing bad guy.

All the while, Martin stays as

immaculate as his car, keeping extra outfits and cell phones in storage compartments in his car.

“One aspect of the film that may make the film more accessible...is the low bodycount.”

Car buffs will not be disappointed, especially if you prefer cars of the European persuasion. The

movie seems at first like one long commercial for Audi, but a visit to the Italian villain Gianni’s fantastic garage dispels that perception.

The final scene takes place in a twelve-cylinder Italian beauty but you have to see the movie to find out more.

One aspect of the film that may make the film more accessible to the general public is the low body count.

Dozens of people are beaten up and injured in this movie but very few die and the few deaths that occur are off-camera. This makes it much easier to enjoy.



Photo courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

Statham makes short work of the final attacker of a group with the help of an unlikely weapon: a fire hose.

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i love nick the editor
nick is a hottie
nick is a cutie
josh, the paper is not up on Thursday night. do your job.
gargle spatter
these dudes keep standin on the street corner making much noise
they need to shut up
Why do I get sick at the start of every semester? =(
Sex, Drugs, and Rock and ROLL are still the best way to party.
Only instead of Rock and Roll I'm listening to like a funky latin jazz rock fusion, baby.
It's funny because it's bigger than a normal hat.

THEME CROSSWORD: KINFOLK

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features

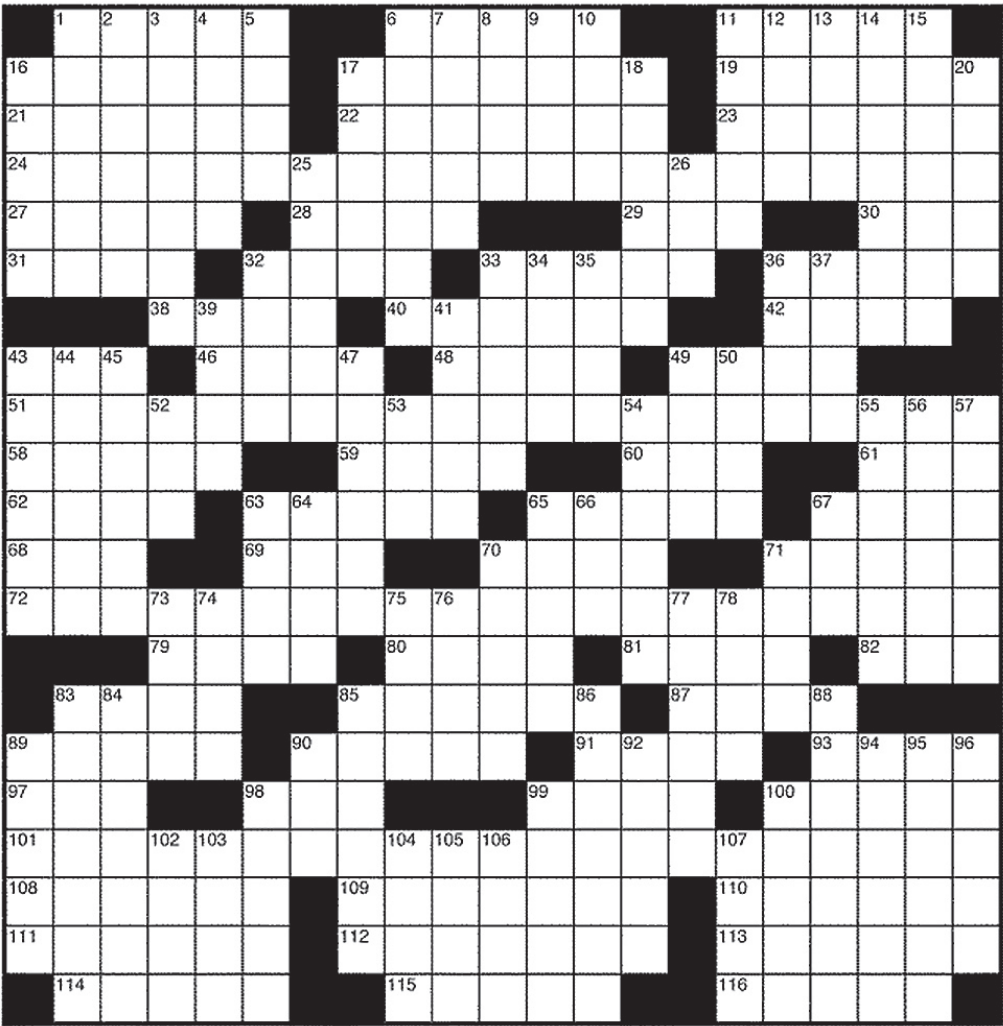
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mentioning involves the sets. The majority of the movie takes place in shadowy caves that house underground rivers, lakes, unknown ominous creatures, etc. The darkness and mystery created via the

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sets produces a sense of anxiety in the viewer, just where the plot and acting fail to.

The caves appear as realistic as they could have been. In some scenes



Photo courtesy Sony Pictures

Actress Lena Headey spelunks her way into poorly contrived horror in Sony Picture’s lackluster film, *The Cave*.

I actually caught myself marveling at the aesthetic quality of the set design more so than following the story.

With an increasing amount of violence in films, moviegoers are becoming more and more desensitized to gore, thus making it increasingly difficult to scare viewers.

But sometimes it is possible to leave your brain at the door and simply enjoy the experience of the film.

However with movies like *The Cave*, stopping all brain processes does not make the film any easier to sit through.

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audience is left wondering if either has ever acted before and with the sense that this is more of a high school production than a major motion picture. The acting feels both stifled and unrealistic, making it unclear as to whether Gilliam forgot to attend to directing his actors and became bogged down with the wayward story lines and gratuitous sets, or maybe he just forgot to think about character motivation while writing the screenplay.

The only saving grace of *Brothers Grimm* is Malena’s Monica Bellucci, who plays the dark yet enchantingly beautiful princess of centuries past. Her performance is at once realistic and intriguing, making her hard not to enjoy watching. As she manipulates and mesmerizes the protagonists into attending her evil means, she adds interest into an otherwise dull movie. All in all, though, no matter how amazing of a performance

Bellucci gives, she cannot save the film on her own, as there were too many problems with the acting, the screenplay, and the directing.

Generally, the film seems to aim at being a summer blockbuster. Because of this unfeasible goal of attracting all audiences, Gilliam forgets his true aim and creates a

“The only saving grace of *Brothers Grimm* is Malena’s Monica Bellucci....”

film that deviates in a million different directions, alienating audiences and proving both inappropriate for younger audiences and far too sophomoric for more mature viewers. He becomes too interested in pleasing all and ends up pleasing nobody, with an uninspired, convoluted, and disjointed film that truly is a chore to endure.

Exciting season looms for ballet

By Beth Daihl
Contributing Writer

Excitement runs high at the Atlanta Ballet as they prepare for the 2005-2006 season. Entering their seventy-sixth year, the ballet is the nation's longest continually performing ballet and should not be taken for granted. The company consists of 21 members, six apprentices and 15 fellowships. During each demanding season the 27 female members wear out over 2,000 pairs of pointe shoes and this season should be no exception. The sheer dedication and focus present during rehearsals indicates this will be an amazing season that should not be missed.

The season kicks off with Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. The inspiration for this popular work comes from 25 poems written by a group of ex-priests from the Middle Ages, the Goliards, about drinking, pleasure and gambling. Through this extravagant production the eraticism of love, nature and lust are celebrated. In addition to seeing the grace of the ballet, the audience will also witness the talent of the Michael O'Neal Singers. *Carmina Burana* will be playing from October 27-30 at the Fox Theatre.

This December the Atlanta Ballet's classic *Nutcracker* creates a great outing for the holiday season. This 19th century Russian classic comes to life with over 200 young dancers and the talented Atlanta Ballet Orchestra. The dreams of a young girl materialize into a series of dances in which her nutcracker prince combats a giant rat king. The

performance includes a Christmas tree that grows from 13 to 38 feet, eight tons of scenery and the eight-foot Rat King exploding from a furnace. Each imaginative scene is painted on a 300 pound canvas that stretches 30 feet tall and 70 feet wide. The scenery is complemented by the costumes which include a 75-pound gown made from 25 yards of fabric and the Nutcracker's two-pound mask. The Nutcracker will play from December 9-30.

Set in Nagasaki at the end of the nineteenth century, *Madame Butterfly* chronicles the love between a U.S.

“Madame Butterfly chronicles the love between a U.S. Navy Officer and a young Japanese Girl....”

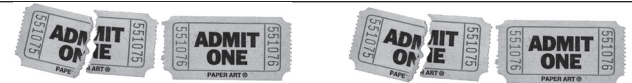
Navy officer and a young Japanese girl and the subsequent betrayal. Cio-Cio San, Madame Butterfly, is a geisha who marries Lieutenant Pinkerton and becomes deluded by her love for him. Even after Pinkerton deserts her and goes back to America she believes he will come back for her. Puccini's masterpiece will play February 9-18.

Premiering in April next year is *Beauty and the Beast*. This fairy tale is brought to life through dance and the music of multiple French composers. The ballet tells the story of the youngest daughter of a wealthy merchant who learns to love the

Beast, an enchanted prince. One disaster upon another leads Belle to be imprisoned with the Beast in a castle where she discovers who he truly is beneath his outward appearance and attitude. *Beauty and the Beast* will play April 6-9.

This year the Ballet is also making an effort to introduce ballet to the youth in Atlanta. *Toy Castle* and *Peter and the Wolf* are both aimed towards young children. Toy Castle is an educational ballet based upon a famous Canadian children's series. Performed at the Gwinnett Civic Center for school groups, the Atlanta Ballet is bringing their culture to the students in Gwinnett County this September. *Peter and the Wolf* is a one-hour ballet designed for the family. Prokofiev's tale of a young boy and his encounter with a wolf on his grandfather's farm is a classic children's tale. Peter and the Wolf will be playing at the Fox Theater on February 18 and 19.

The ballet is a great way to experience the culture available in the Atlanta and without putting a big hole in your pocket. Starting this season it is now possible to get single tickets for a little as \$10. By redesigning the pricing and seating structure even more ballet enthusiasts, especially poor college students, can enjoy the ballet. Tickets are available on-line (www.atlantaballet.com or www.ticketmaster.com), at the Fox Theatre Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets, and through Ticketmaster Arts Line (404-817-8700). The best seats will go early so make sure to mark your calendar and get you tickets as soon as possible.



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Thompson loses in second round

Tech graduate and golfer Nicholas Thompson lost to Davie Van der Walt of South Africa in the second round of the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship. After 15 holes of the 18-hole match, the two golfers were all square. Thompson bogeyed the 430-yard par-four 16th to give Van der Walt the one hole advantage.

Each golfer parred the par-three 17th, which made Van der Walt dormie going in to 18. Thompson and Van der Walt tied with bogeys on the last hole to give Van der Walt the 1-up victory in the match.

Van der Walt won his next match to advance to the quarterfinals, where he lost to the eventual champion Edoardo Molinari from Italy.

Last year Thompson advanced to the round of 16, which was the furthest a Tech student had advanced since 1997 when Matt Kuchar won the title.

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The number of times that Auburn and Tech have played each other in football. The only opponent Tech has played more times is Georgia.

Tech's all-time record against Auburn is 40-47-4. The two teams last faced each other in 2003, when Tech took the home victory 17-3.

Prior to that the last time Auburn played Tech was in 1987 when Auburn won 20-10 to cap nine years of consecutive victories over the Jackets.

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The pre-season ranking of Auburn's football team according to the AP Poll. Georgia Tech received votes, but did not make the top 25 teams nationally.

In the *USA Today* Poll Auburn ranked No. 15. In both polls, USC, Texas and Tennessee finished first, second and third, respectively.

Auburn rivals UGA as Tech foe

By Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

I didn't believe it myself when I found out that there was once a day when Tech students actually rooted for Georgia.

Here's the story. The year 1892 was the inaugural year for football in the Deep South. That season Tech's entire season consisted of just three games that were played throughout the month of November. Tech lost all three.

Earlier that year, in the month of February, Auburn played Georgia, and Tech students showed up to root for Georgia. Then in November, Auburn beat Tech 26-0. So from the very beginning, Auburn and Tech were never on the same side.

That first Tech vs. Auburn game in 1892 was the beginning of a long and storied rivalry between the Jackets and the Tigers, a rivalry that few students today are aware

ever existed.

By 1894 Tech and Georgia had developed "Clean Old-Fashioned Hate" for each other in football. (The baseball rivalry with UGA pre-dates the football rivalry.) The Auburn and Georgia rivalry coupled with the Auburn and Tech rivalry would lay a foundation for many years of battle to come for the three teams.

The 1896 game between Auburn and Tech was highlighted by one of the most amazing acts of buffoonery I've ever heard of. It's unfortunate that Tech students were the victims, but I applaud the Auburn students' creativity.

Auburn students, the story goes, greased the railroad tracks the night before the Tech team train was due. The next morning, as the Train tried to stop, it slid all the way through the city of Auburn and only stopped about five miles later. The Tech team had to walk back to Auburn, and Auburn won the game 45-0.

Auburn and Tech went through the first half of the 20th century as SEC rivals, and the teams continued to play each other when Tech moved to the ACC. Unfortunately the series stopped in 1987, after Auburn had beaten Tech nine times in a row.

In 2003 the rivalry was revived and Tech upset Auburn 17-3. As Tech students tore down the goal posts and carried them to President Clough's house, it was hard for onlookers not to taste sweet revenge for the losses in the 1980s.

Auburn hasn't lost to a non-SEC team since that 2003 loss to Tech, and they currently carry a 15-game winning streak.

The rivalry is something the players are aware of, and, though it will never compare to the rivalry with Georgia, the added attention that fans give this game make it all the more enjoyable to watch. This season Tech plays its two main rivals to start and end the season.

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Davis returns for final season

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Dennis Davis has been given a second chance at his senior season and is determined to make the most of it. Davis was ranked as the No. 14 cornerback in the nation out of high school, where he played on both sides of the ball. Whether it's football, track or academics, Davis strives to make the most out of life.

After dislocating his right shoulder twice during last year's Clemson game, Davis has been given a second shot at his senior season. Davis

opted for surgery after the North Carolina game and was granted a medical hardship by the NCAA allowing him a fifth year of eligibility.

"It means everything," Davis said. "This is my senior year, so I need to be able to come back and enjoy it rather than have it taken away from me. I'm going to take full advantage of the blessing that I have."

Once the decision to apply for a hardship was made, the waiting began on the official ruling, but the process was explained to Davis early on.

"It was after the second game when we made the decision [to red-shirt]," Davis said. "I went ahead and played the third game because [the coaches] already knew the rules and regulations of how far I could go. They knew that I would be good with that game. Coach Tenuta had a meeting with Coach Gailey, and they called around to the proper authorities explaining them the situation

and how much I played."

Despite the experience of Coach Gailey and the rest of the coaching staff, Davis's father remained concerned about whether his son would play this season, because the NCAA doesn't make a ruling on medical hardship cases until all games have been completed.

"I wasn't really worried about it, but my dad was the one that was nervous," Davis said. "He doesn't calm down until he gets something on paper."

In addition to being in his final season on the flats, Davis is also in his

final semester as an undergraduate. He is currently taking his final five classes and is expected to graduate in December with a degree in Management.

The players selected and voted on a motto for the upcoming season, "Team/Me" (pronounced, "Team over Me.") The team unveiled the motto last Saturday at the Fan Photo Day.

Davis mentioned that the motto reflects a new mindset of the football team.

"In the past years, we talked about being to this many straight bowls, but we're not accepting that this year. We're definitely trying to get to the

National Championship and the ACC Championship," he said.

"When you set your standards that high, then it becomes a team thing rather than an individual thing. It's no longer about stats. Now it's just about helping the team win. It's not that the bowls weren't fun. It's that we want more than that. It wasn't satisfying enough," he said.

Run and hit, team over me, everything or nothing, sacrifice is a whole season thing. All are different sayings, but they all are various mottos that the Tech players and coaching staff are using for motivation.

"There were a bunch of little things, but they all basically mean the same thing," Davis said. "We have to do whatever we have to do to get to where the team wants to go."

Davis is one of the fastest players on the football team, and he uses his speed as a member of the track team also.

Davis finished second in the 200-meter dash at the 2003 ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships. While a lot of people would be satisfied, he has never been.

"It meant that I didn't do well enough," Davis said. "I didn't win. Second in the ACC was something that I never was satisfied with. I was mad at myself because I thought that I

should have won the race if I would have run the race better."

When Davis was at Edgewood Regional High School in Sicklerville, N.J. he won the state championship

"When you set your standards that high, then it becomes a team thing rather than an individual thing. It's no longer about stats. Now it's just about helping the team win."

Dennis Davis
Senior cornerback



By Matt Emerick / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Early Season Lacrosse Practice: Last year the men's lacrosse club team finished 10-5 and were the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference champions for the second time in the club's history. The team practices twice a week on the Roe Stamps Field next to the CRC.

in the 100 meters, and he was also named the New Jersey sprinter of the year on two separate occasions.

"As far as Georgia Tech is concerned, track is a second thing for me," Davis said. "I wanted to run an outdoor season, but it's conflicted with the spring. Anytime that it's time for football I can't run track because I'm on a football scholarship.

This isn't high school where I have this season to dedicate to football and this to dedicate to track. I enjoy it almost as much as football."

The football team opens their season tomorrow at Auburn. Davis, at cornerback, will be a part of the Jackets renowned defense. The last time the two teams met, Auburn didn't score a touchdown.

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them takes after an All-American that left in their own way but creating a new All-American at Georgia Tech at the same time.”

For 2005, Head Coach Bond Shymansky has brought in Tech volleyball’s most highly touted recruiting class in his three years as head coach.

This year’s freshman recruiting class includes six players: Laura DeMichelis, outside hitter from Aurora, Colorado; Allie Niekamp, who is slated to take over the setter role in her coming years at Tech; Callie Miller, a 6’1” middle blocker from Toledo; Michelle Kandell, libero and defensive specialist; Talisa

Kellogg, a 6’1” outside hitter; and finally, walk-on Stephanie Robbins, who has gotten rave reviews from Laband in practice.

Commenting on the size of the recruiting class, Laband said, “It’s so much fun to be a part of that, and me helping them out is really just trying to make that ball perfect for them technique-wise so they can get good technical swings in every time, mainly since they’re all hitters.”

Part of Laband’s role on the team in practice is to act as a mentor to the younger players, which includes teaching the players who will replace her next season.

Niekamp could be Laband’s replacement a year from now. “She’s so much further along than I was my freshman year. She has perfect hands

and I wish I had her hands.”

As one of two seniors on the squad, Laband assumes a leadership

“Having this love for the game and having this passion to go for every ball is the cornerstone of...Tech volleyball.”

Lindsey Laband
Senior setter

role with classmate Jennifer Randall, who Laband is happy to have anchoring the backline. “She started every

single game since her freshmen year and she deserves more credit because I look to her and I’m like, ‘I need this ball. I need a perfect pass’. I’m always yelling ‘Serve, Jen, serve!’ She’s such a gamer and when she gets on the court, she’s always 100 percent focused.”

The team will open the season on the road in Arizona against three tough teams in Northwestern, Arizona and Winthrop, all teams that could jump out to an early lead on the young Tech squad.

“I think we’re all a little bit nervous when we’re down a little bit in a game,” Laband said. “It’s just a momentum game and it swings constantly. Maintaining our momentum is something we have to do. We have to focus on the next ball.”

Despite a team that is still developing a feel for game-like intensity, Laband feels that team chemistry is where it needs to be to compensate for the lack of experience on the team. Passion for the game, Laband said, drives this team chemistry.

“Having this love for the game and having this passion to go for every ball is the cornerstone of Georgia Tech volleyball. Bond talked about how there’s choices and there’s effort in practice. You’re going to choose to do something or you’re going to do it. We just do it,” Laband said.

The success of the team in the past few years as shown the success of having such a mentality

The Jackets home opener is Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. against George Washington.

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The Tigers are trying to continue a 15-game winning streak. The team will have to replace three members of their secondary as well as having to initiate a new quarterback in Brandon Cox. Cox was limited to mop-up detail last year behind Jason Campbell (below) and completed 22 of 34 passes for four touchdowns with two interceptions. This team is coming into the game after feeling slighted for the national championship game as well as being ranked lower than an undefeated team should.

“Experienced quarterbacks are usually much better in opening games than nonstarters like [Cox]. That is an advantage that they will have over us.”

Tommy Tuberville
Auburn head coach speaking on quarterbacks



AUBURN VS. GEORGIA TECH

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Four Key Questions

• **Will Cox overcome injury and get into a rhythm at the helm of his Auburn offense?**

After being held out or limited in several practices this fall, the sophomore QB enters Saturday’s game as the starter. Cox almost had his playing career come to an end because of poor circulation problems in his throwing arm. The Auburn coaching staff has resorted to having him throw a Nerf ball between series to keep their quarterback’s arm from stiffening up.

If Cox is able to find his rhythm early, the Jackets could be in for a long day. Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta must keep Cox off balance and make life difficult on the new quarterback. Auburn’s offensive line must play a solid game to keep Tech’s front from racking up some sacks, and not allowing Cox to get in a throwing rhythm.

• **Can Tech hold on to an early lead for the entire game?**

An Achilles Heel for the Jackets has been the propensity to play not to lose once they get a lead on an opponent. Look no further than the Florida State game in 2003 and last year’s Thursday night Virginia Tech game. The Auburn squad, with a 15-game winning streak, knows how to play a complete four quarters.

If the Jackets go up early, the offense must not become conservative, but instead do the same things that got them the lead initially. If the Jackets have a lead they need to be able to go in for the kill instead of relying on the defense to hold a lead.

• **Who gains the advantage when one team’s strengths are another team’s weaknesses?**

Tech has an experienced quarterback in Reggie Ball and great receivers in Calvin Johnson and Damarius Bilbo, both with big-game experience. They will be facing three new starters in the Tiger’s secondary.

Auburn has one of the best front seven lineups in the nation, but the Jackets have an inexperienced, though talented, offensive line. The Tigers must unveil a new quarterback and backfield against a seasoned Jacket defense that has been together for a few years.

• **Will someone in Tech’s receiving corps step up and take advantage of Calvin Johnson being double teamed?**

Calvin Johnson will get his yards as he is around six inches taller than Auburn’s tallest defensive back. With all the attention that will be on Calvin, another wide receiver must step up and take advantage of being under the radar screen. If no receiver does this, the Tigers will be able to concentrate solely on Johnson and will be able to win the game even with a young and inexperienced secondary.

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The Jackets start this season in search of answers to several questions. The Jackets must find a way to piece together an offensive line and to find another receiver in addition to Calvin Johnson. For the second consecutive year, the Jackets are coming off an impressive victory in a bowl game after going through the off-season with heightened expectations. For the first time in a while there is a buzz around a team that is playing perhaps the toughest schedule in its 113-year history.

“It takes everybody to win. The quarterback could play great, but if everybody else doesn’t, it doesn’t matter.”

Chan Gailey
In response to the idea that the success of the team relies solely on the success of the quarterback



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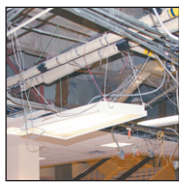
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AUBURN RIVALRY RUNS DEEP

College football starts tomorrow, and Tech will play an old-time rival in front of a national audience on ESPN. Page 26

CENTER OF CHANGE

The first floor of the Student Center gets a facelift. Learn what else is changing other than the ATMs. Page 1



Eye on the Tiger



Students can gather today to send off team

The Jackets try to upset the Auburn Tigers, winners of their past 15 games, tomorrow night, under the lights, as both teams begin the 2005 football season. The team leaves today, and students are invited to gather by the north entrance to the stadium on Bobby Dodd Way, going up Freshman Hill. The bus will leave at 3 p.m., and students are encouraged to start gathering at 2:30 p.m. See **Football Preview**, page 31.

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Volleyball returns to action
*Young team heads to Arizona to begin season*By Vishal Patel
Staff Writer

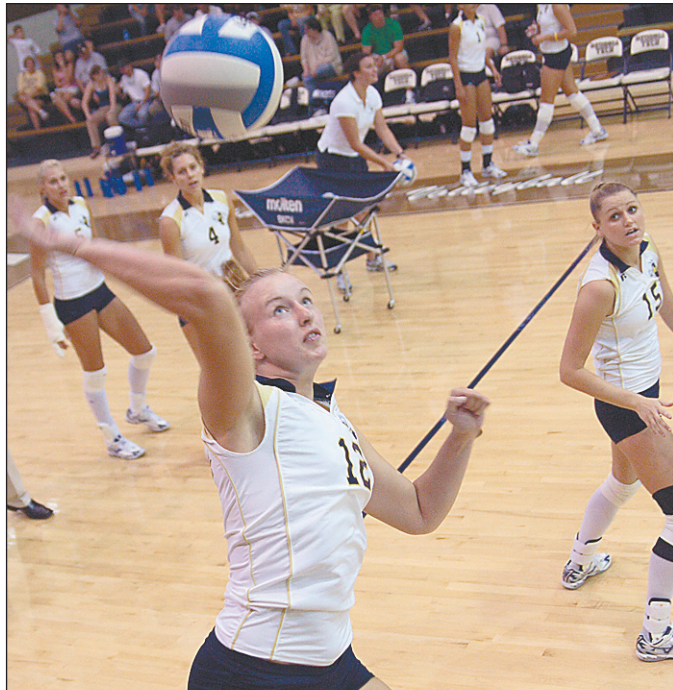
Looking to start the season off on the right foot, the women's volleyball squad will open the season today away from home for the second straight season in a challenging tournament on the road. Last year, they came away without wins until returning to friendly confines of O'Keefe Gymnasium.

This year, however, looks to be different through the voice and hands of senior setter Lindsey Laband, who anchors a talented front line with returning starter Ulrike Stegemann, a sophomore middle hitter from Germany.

"It's different than any other year with so many people and different people playing different positions. We definitely intend to lay out the new face of Georgia Tech volleyball and definitely prove people wrong because a lot of people don't know anything and they don't really understand how we're going to do it again. I think that's the fun part," Laband said.

Laband doesn't talk about personal goals as individual ambitions. For her, personal goals are team goals. On the court, Laband concerns herself with leading the team vocally and making sure she's doing her job: setting up the big kills for the front line.

This year's team is much different from last year's veteran squad led by All-Americans Lynette Moster and Lauren Sauer, who



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore Ulrike Stegemann goes for the spike in warm-ups. She returns as middle hitter for a young Tech team.

now plays a critical role on the women's basketball squad, as well as Jayme Gergen, who was recently hired as an assistant coach in Blacksburg for Virginia Tech. Losing such soon-to-be-legendary talent doesn't scare Laband, who banks on the combined talent of the underclassmen to come together to continue the success of Tech volleyball.

"I think they have the potential to create a new kind of All-American at Georgia Tech," said the star setter who led the nation in assists per game in her

first full season last year and who also earned her first All-American honor.

"[The team can get back] something different for what they bring to the table. Lynette [Moster] was really quiet but really focused and determined and made sure she got it done. Lauren [Sauer] was just so powerful and Jayme was quick and had a lot of heart. And that's one thing in that each player this year has something different and each of

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Buzz named All-American mascot

Tech's lovable mascot Buzz has been named one of 12 mascots to the fourth annual Capital One All-America Mascot Team. Now Buzz will be competing for the mascot of the year award.

Fans can cast votes at www.capitalonebowl.com to vote for their favorite mascot. The fan vote is the sole determinant of the winner, and the contest consists of 11 weekly match-ups of the 12 All-Americans. The winner will be announced at the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 2.

The only other mascot from the ACC is Miami's Sebastian.

From the SEC Auburn's mascot Aubie, Tennessee's Smokey and South Carolina's Cocky also made the list.

"We created this contest to celebrate the unsung heroes of college football," said Pam Girardo at Capital One in a released statement. "These lovable characters have been cheering on their teams relentlessly, and now they need the favor returned."

Rugby set to tackle Auburn

By Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

The football team won't be the only Tech team making a trip to play Auburn this weekend. The club rugby team opens their season at 1 p.m. tomorrow against Auburn.

Last spring these two teams faced each other, and Tech won the game 22-15.

The fall season for rugby is like a pre-season because only the spring games count toward playoff berths. The club plays in the USA Rugby South Division and made it to the playoffs last year for the first time since 1999.

Georgia Southern, Auburn and South Carolina all compete with Tech in the South Division.

The Tech Rugby Football Club has been scrumming on campus for more than 30 years and is one of Tech's newest traditions. They are renowned for being the main resident of the Burger Bowl, and their field reflects an overall down-and-dirty spirit of the team.

From talking to the players over the years, one gains a sense of the deep pride the team has both of their sport and of their team. They are quick to point out the consistency with which they beat Georgia's team, and they



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The Tech Rugby Club travels to Auburn to begin the fall season, just hours before the two football teams will battle each other.

also mention the fact that rugby is a social sport, meaning that the same two teams who play against each other in the game will also hang out afterwards at parties.

Team coaches Dan MacDougald and Jason Parrish encourage

everyone interested to come out for the practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., if only for the physical conditioning.

The vast majority of the players on the team have never played the sport before coming to college.

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The number of former Tech students who will be inducted into the Tech Sports Hall of Fame. Golfer Stewart Cink is the most nationally known of the athletes and was an All-American in 1995.

In his nine seasons on the PGA Tour, Cink has won four tournaments. He was a member of the 2001 and 2004 U.S. Ryder Cup team and a member of the 2000 and 2005 President's Cup team.

Two hall of fame inductees played more than 50 years ago, but have been strong supporters of Tech ever since. Henry Kalb was a baseball captain in 1947 and a four-year letter winner. He played in the 1943 season, then joined the Army for WWII. He returned for 1946-48 seasons, playing pitcher and right field.

Charlie Radford was basketball team manager for three years starting in 1950 and has supported the program ever since. He's been an intricate part of planning the alumni game since its inception in the 1985-86 season.